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By Paul Routledge and David Felton

The TUC is coming under strong pressure from top-level moderates to take the initiative in the pit strike away from militant leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Violence on the picket lines and disgust at the "noose incident" two nights ago when striking South Wales miners' lowered a hangman's rope over the head of Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, combined yesterday to prompt serious demands for a reassessment of the labour movement's attitude to the 36-week coal conflict.

Mr John Lyons, leader of the power station engineers and a key moderate on the TUC general council, set the ball rolling with an appeal to Mr Willis, arguing: "The TUC general council, with its wider responsibilities to the trade union movement as a whole, must establish clearly whether it has a view of its own in this protracted, bitter and ever more damaging dispute".

Calling for a "full and wide-ranging discussion about the whole position" when the general council meets on November 29, he added: "Recent public statements by NUM leaders have indicated that they are after nothing less than 'complete victory' (whatever that means), not a negotiated settlement. At the very least, these statements need clarifying, for they do not represent the TUC's position as I have understood it."

This theme was taken up by other moderates attending a routine meeting of the TUC's influential economic committee. Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, argued: "I think it now needs a cool look and some hard discussions with the NUM."

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The TUC must soon decide whether it had a greater role to play, or whether to "cut loose" from the miners.

Mr Tony Christopher, the taxmen's leader, said that the TUC could not intervene "without some feeling that the miners would back that initiative. I think it is going to take at least two or three weeks before the TUC is in that position."

A more orthodox note was struck by Mr David Basnett, chairman of the economic committee and one of the TUC's "seven wise men" seeking to resolve the strike. He believed that the noose incident would make no difference to the TUC's relations with the NUM. He renewed the labour movement's appeal for new talks between the NUM and the coal board. Mr Willis himself took a sanguine view of the noose incident, expressing disappointment rather than anger and reaffirming his own backing for the pit strike.

Privately, some union leaders expressed dismay that Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the miners' union, had not used his personal charisma to dispel the hostility shown to the TUC general secretary at the South Wales rally in Aberavon.

The reaction to Aberavon and the violence on the picket lines is not expected to be much more than a faint echo, however, when the NUM executive meets in Sheffield this morning to decide the miners' next step.

Some coalfield moderates are planning fresh moves to push the centre-Left majority into a more flexible bargining attitude, but they showed little hope last night of getting their way. Their number is likely to be depleted by the absence of Mr Ted MacKay, secretary of the North Wales pitman, who has gone

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Mr Scargill: Criticized for not protecting Mr Willis.

Labour leaders back pit strike ballot

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Labour leadership last night urged the National Union of Mineworkers to consult its membership on the future of the strike, when Mr Roy Hattersley said in a BBC television news interview: "I do believe that the miners' opinions ought to be tested and tested directly".

Whitehall sources last night welcomed the Labour frontbench conversion to the Government's long-standing view that the mineworkers should be balloted on the issues behind the strike, and the coal board's offers.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in the Commons on October 25, after the settlement with the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers, that she believed most of the strikers would like a ballot so that they could return to work.

She then added: "They are being prevented only by the leadership of the NUM, supported by the Labour Party and mob violence".

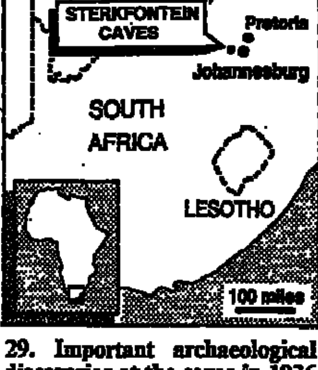
It is understood that Mr Hattersley cleared his views on consultation with Mr Kinnock before the interview. There was general approval when the move was reported to the Shadow Cabinet last night.

Although Labour sources see the initiative as a continuation of an existing party-line, the fact is that there has been no call for a ballot or consultation on any of the coal board's offers.

Mr Hattersley said last night: "It has long been the position of the leader, the deputy leader and the Shadow Cabinet of the Labour Party that consultation would have been the right thing seven months ago.

"I think there is the strongest case made out for consultation at every stage as various offers were made by the coal board, some of them, in my view, wholly unacceptable. It would have been right for the miners to have their opinions polled in some way, so I stand by consultation now as I have done throughout the dispute".

The Labour leaders believe that consultation would unite the miners. It is argued that even if it went against a return



Mr Roy Hattersley: "Strong case for consultation

to work it would strengthen their negotiation hand.

Whitehall sources believe that Labour is trying to salvage a political disaster, attempting to avoid the chaos of a slow drift back by getting the men back on a ballot. But one senior source suggested that a strong surge back might be better for the industry; if a majority crossed picket lines, the hardliners would be crushed for good.

Mr Hattersley's appeal, if spurned by today's NUM executive meeting at Sheffield, might just stimulate that process. But the pressure on the

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Monetarism attacked by bishops

By Clifford Longley Religions Affairs Correspondent

The Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, yesterday declared "as dogmatic as the claims of Marxist socialism" the monetarist principles which increased the number of the poor and enriched the rich.

In his maiden speech in the General Synod of the Church of England, meeting in London, the Bishop, famous for his controversial attacks on Government policy, implicity attacked it again with the remark: "It is no answer to say: 'But this is the only way forward' ".

His thunder was somewhat stolen, however, by two other speakers who went further than he on this occasion.

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev Simon Phipps, produced an extended critique of those unnamed "powerful influences" who had erected a certain set of economic theories "into an entire philosophy of life".

And Canon Peter Boulton, Proculator of the Convocation of York, was severely critical of the industrial relations policy of the National Coal Board.

Under the *Plan for Coal* management and workers had successfully negotiated the closure of 300 pits, he said.

"The introduction of alien, harsh, old-fashioned, authoritarian forms of industrial relations with the advent of Mr Ian MacGregor was not only well calculated to upset the National Union of Mineworkers; it has also completely

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TGWU on collision course over strike

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Britain's largest union, the Transport and General, was last night set on course for a serious confrontation with the law following its decision to defy an injunction ordering it to call off the strike by its 16,000 members at Austin Rover.

An emergency meeting of the TGWU leadership yesterday decided to make the strike official, ignore the injunction ordering the union to halt the action until there has been a secret ballot, and instructed Mr Moss Evans, the general secretary, not to pay any fines that may be imposed for contempt of court.

Austin Rover will return to the High Court to explain to Mr Justice Stuart-Smith that six unions, including the TGWU, have ignored the injunction. The largest union will not be represented at the hearing although there were indications that some of the smaller unions will attend the court and may be prepared to comply with the court order.

The first move against the TGWU, if it is held by the court to be in contempt, would probably be a large fine, and with this in mind it is understood that the union may have started trying to hide some of its £54m assets out of the court's jurisdiction.

Mr Evans said the strike had been called under the union's rule book and was official. "We have observed to the letter the requirements of the agreements we have with the company before embarking upon the dispute."

The statement agreed by the finance and general purposes committee, the body of senior officials which operates the union between the three monthly executive meetings, said: "The consequence is that the union is aware that the TGWU is liable to be involved in punitive court action."

TGWU 1983 accounts

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Fixed assets	22,439,558
Property investments	200,200
Mortgages/loans	3,393,767
Investments	26,470,355
Total current assets	4,333,936
Liabilities	1,651,499
Net current assets	2,682,437
Total assets	55,186,558
Less deferred payments	944,418
Total worth of union	54,242,140

Mr Evans said the policy of the union, not to co-operate in any way with the Government's trade union legislation had been set by the biennial delagate conference last year. He had been instructed not to sign any cheques to pay fines imposed by the court for contempt, and no-one else in the union had authority to sign either.

The one hope of avoiding a legal maelstrom appears to rest on a re-opening of negotiations on Austin Rover's offer of £22 a week increase over two years. The unions have asked for the increase over a £12 month period.

Austin Rover have said that their offer is final and that a continued strike will not make the company change its mind.

Ethiopian attack on 'evil of religion'

By David Cross

The confiscation and destruction of religious books and sacraments, as well as stiff sanctions against church-goers are part of a carefully orchestrated campaign being waged by Ethiopia's Marxist regime to stamp out Christianity.

According to a secret tract published by the ministry of Information and National Guidance in Addis Ababa for party workers "there cannot be a more urgent task than that of the immediate launching of a campaign to remove the evils of religion. This can be effectively done through the skilful propagation of materialism in a carefully orchestrated campaign".

The document, which has been smuggled to the West, outline a series of specific actions to be taken initially against Christian churches. This would be followed, it indicates, by a similar campaighn against Muslims.

The ministry's tract proposes a gradual conversion of important monasteries and churches into museums "from which the oppressed masses could draw valuable lessons".

Important collections of religious books at churches and monasteries should be confiscated. "For the most part these books support an ideology which made feudal exloitation possible" the documents comments.

The proposed action plan includes the destruction or transfer "to friendly countries" of old and priceless altars and priestly vestments and other works of art. "Their public display in church services and ceremonies is a calculated insult to the oppressed masses"

The document also calls for the skilful manipulation of the Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church who is to become "an unwitting instrument for the anti-religious campaign."

The document suggests financial incentives, the threat of withdrawal of food ration permits and the use of jobs to discourage regular church-goers. These would be identified "by a network of informers".

Simultaneously a propaganda campaign is to be launched to emphasize the material side of life and to promote the view that religion is "always an obstacle to the liberation of oppressed people."

"Special treatment" is proposed for the bourgeois and petit-bourgeois classes which have been "thrown into a state of fright" by the Ethiopian revolution and are flocking to the churches in great numbers. "This revival is fast becoming ground for counter revolution," the document says. (The Amharic word used in the text literally means "hit them" and can be taken as a euphemism for liquidation, the translator of the original document comments.

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Howe in fight to avert aid cuts

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, was last night fighting to reopen this year's public expenditure review in response to all-party pressure over threatened cuts in the overseas aid budget.

He met Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequor, in an attempt to persuade him to add about £50m to the Foreign Office budget to counter the political damage of cuts in aid at the time of the Ethiopian famine.

Sir Geoffrey gave an absolute assurance in the Commons yesterday that there would be no reduction in the amounts allocated for humanitarian aid for poorer countries, including Ethiopia.

That is intact, but ministers believe that it will be impossible to present to the public the necessary offsetting cuts in other areas of the programme as anything other than a cut in humanitarian aid.

Sir Geoffrey will have argued last night that the sum he needs is so small, but the potential damage of failing to get it so great, that Mr Lawson should be prepared to make an exception this time. There were signs that he would take the issue to today's Cabinet meeting

The 1985-86 foreign budget outlined in Monday's autumn statement is £1,870, the same as that provisionally allocated in the February White Paper.

The Foreign Secretary had still not decided last night how the budget would be divided between overseas representation, the BBC's external services, the British Council, and the aid programme which was originally allocated £1,250m.

There has been intense backbench pressure to the last minute with senior Conservative visiting the whips to call for an easing of the projected cuts.

The irony of Sir Geoffrey, the former Chancellor, being in the role of "gamekeeper-turned-poacher" was not lost on his colleagues last night.

Sir Geoffrey was asked in the Commons by a Tory MP to confirm that the Government's swift and humane action in Ethiopia would not be affected by the expenditure review.

He replied: "I can give him an immediate assurance that in the course of my review of programmes I am undertaking there will be no reduction whatsoever in the allocations made for humanitarian aid to poorer countries, disaster or famine relief of the sort now being given to Ethiopia, and as a result any change on the overseas aid programme will be modest and certainly not on the scale suggested in some of the papers."

Mr Denis Healey, the shadow foreign secretary, said that the scale of the Ethiopian tradgey dwarfed the amount of aid being given by Europe and the United States to deal with it.

England's best away win for 20 years

The England football team achieved their biggest away win in 20 years yesterday when they beat Turkey 8-0 in Istanbul in a World Cup qualifying match.

Bryan Robson, the England captain, led the way with three goals, Woodcock and Barnes scored twice each and Anderson added his first goal for his country shortly before the end.

After beating Finland 5-0 at Wembley last month, England have a maximum four points from two games. Woodcock and Withe, England's replacement for Hateley at centre-forward, not squandered clearcut chances towards the end. **Page 26**

UK to decide on Unesco pull-out soon

The prospect of British withdrawal from Unesco, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, is closer than ever and a decision is expected in the next two weeks (Diana Geddes writes from Paris).

Confidential telegrams have been sent by the Foreign Office to diplomatic posts abroad, saying that the Government is inclined toward notice of withdrawal and asking for reactions.

Mrs Thatcher is believed to support a British pull-out

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Telecom keeps City 'stags' at bay

Next week's record-breaking sale of shares in British Telecom looks like being such a success that the Government is taking special measures to try to stop investors "cheating" by putting in more applications for shares than they are allowed (Jonathan Davis writes).

Expectations rose yesterday that the £3,700m share sale would be comfortably oversubscribed when it is launched on Tuesday. The Department of Trade and Industry has appointed a team of auditors from the accountants Peat Marwick Mitchell to help weed out any phoney or multiple applications.

The chief targets of yesterday's unprecedented move to bring in the auditors are the "stags"; professional City punters who have been known to put in multiple applications for issues they think will be a success in the hope of later selling shares for a quick profit.

Cave-diver starved to death in underground tomb

Johannesburg (AP) – An amateur cave-diver struggled for three weeks to survive in an ink-black cavern after he blundered into a warren of subterranean streams and surfaced on a sandy island 120 feet underground.

A pathologist said after examing Mr Peter Verhulsel's body that the 29-year-old university student died of starvation and exposure.

The civilian divers who discovered his body on Saturday said Mr Verhulsel walked desperately around his tomb, searching for a passage out or a sliver of light. Footprints from his wetsuit boots criss-crossed the island.

The young man apparently heard the police divers who banged steel pipes on rocks, hoping for an answer from the missing man.

Mr Verhulsel did answer, the rescuers said, but the dolomite walls of his tomb were so water-soaked and mossy that he was unable to sound a resonant ring. The rescuers found a pile of stones stacked against one wall.

Mr Verhulsel probably agonized over how much air was trapped in the cavern, but the rescuers later found a tiny "blow hole" or passage, leading to the earth's surface.

Mr Verhulsel had gone cave-diving with friends at the Sterkfontein caves west of Johannesburg on September

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29. Important archaeological discoveries at the caves in 1936 showed that black tribes of hunters and gatherers lived in the region as long as two million years ago.

The group crawled and swam through a popular underwater trail, but Mr Verhulsel failed to surface at the end of the route.

Those who found his body said he had erred into a previously unknown alleyway that led to the underground lake, which was also undiscovered.

Mr Verhulsel's father, Jan, has complained that police did not do enough to try to rescue his son – he says police believed they were looking for a body, not mounting a rescue.

The father is supported by experienced cave divers familiar with the Sterxfontein area who volunteered to help, but were turned away by police.

After a few initial dives on the day Mr Verhulsel vanished, police found they were only stirring up mud, and they returned every week or 10 days when the water was clear.

"Peter was living there for six days, and on the seventh day, police returned for a few hours until it silted up. People with more guts were standing on the sidelines," his father said.

Police refused to discuss details of their efforts, saying the death was subject to an inquest, but a spokesman, *Lieutenant Henry Beck, said:* "Experienced divers were used and everthing possible was done."

When the divers eventually found Mr Verhulsel's body, "he lay on his back with his head to one side," said a rescuer.

'Defeat for town hall tyrants' as judge bars closed meetings

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Hackney borough council in east London, acted unlawfully in barring opposition councillors from attending subcommittee meetings, a judge ruled in the High Court yesterday. Mr Simon Hughes, Liberal parliamentary spokesman on local government, said afterwards: "This decision marks the beginning of the end for town-hall tyrants".

The case ends a crucial distinction between committees and subcommittees. Committees have to meet in public. But ruling groups of councillors can transfer sensitive debates to specially-created subcommittees for which the councillors can make special rules.

The case against the Labour-led council was brought by Mr David Gamper, leader of its Liberal members. He complained that he had been excluded from meetings of the direct labour organization subcommittee at which he wanted to pursue tenants' worries about delays in repairs to their council homes.

He said after the judgement that many Conservative and Labour councils had set up closed one-party subcommittees to deny Liberals information.

Mr Peter Kahn, a Labour member of the subcommittee, said that the council was considering an appeal. "The judge's statement will have a far-reaching impact on local authorities throughout the country", he said.

The judgment meant that the affairs of the council's own labour force would have to be discussed in public. But the commercial contractors with whom it was required to compete would still operate in private.

The composition of the council is Labour 50, Liberal seven, Conservative three.

Judgment was given on the eve of a new attempt to introduce a Bill to force councils to open to the public all meetings and information which has no special reason for being kept secret. Mr Hughes and Labour and Conservative MPs who support the Bill hope that it will be adopted by one of the winners of today's ballot for private members' Bills.

The Bill is opposed by the Conservative-led associations of county and district councils, which want a code of practice instead.

● Labour councils considering breaking what they regard as "Tory laws" were warned off yesterday by the Labour environment spokesman, Dr John Cunningham (our Parliamentary Staff writes).

"Virtually everything Labour has achieved has been achieved by using the law, by governing in Parliament". Dr Cunningham said in a direct answer to the challenge laid down by the Prime Minister last week that Labour leaders should distance themselves from councils contemplating breaking the law.

Dr Cunningham, whose job it will be to oppose the Bill to abolish the GLC and the metropolitan councils was speaking at a luncheon of the Commons press gallery. Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, was sitting beside him.

Dr Cunningham said that democratic socialism accepted that authority must rest on consent and that power was tolerable only so far as it was accountable to the public.

To those "organizations and individuals" who thought there was some other way of achieving socialist aims than by using the law, Dr Cunningham said that was "not for the Labour Party".

Dr Cunningham quoted the socialist philosopher R. H. Tawney in saying that Labour in Parliament could not hint at or incline toward illegality as a policy in local government. They could not offer to hold people's coats whilst encouraging them to charge the guns.

To recognize that was not a weakness but a strength, Dr Cunningham said. "to argue otherwise is to play into the hands of our political opponents."

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Day shift: Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the GLC, among demonstrators at Ollerton colliery in Nottinghamshire yesterday, where he was joined by only 13 other pickets. He said those going in to work looked "guilty and shifty"

Anger over attack on Willis

By David Cross

Trade union leaders yesterday rallied to the support of Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, after his unseemly treatment by miners in South Wales at a rally in Aberavon on Tuesday night.

Almost without exception, general secretaries attending a meeting of the TUC's economic committee in London expressed anger and concern at the way he had been booed and jeered during a speech on the miners' strike. At one stage a noose was lowered from a beam in the hall as he struggled to make himself heard above the pandemonium.

Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, told reporters that he "totally supported" what Mr Willis had said.

Asked about the angry reaction to Mr Willis's speech in Aberavon, Mr Basnett said that he thought it was "ungenerous to the general secretary of the TUC, who was expressing the views of the movement, to behave like that".

Together with other trade union leaders, Mr Basnet said that the speech had addressed matters beyond the question of violence. "He was right on violence but he was also right about the dispute in general", he said.

Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, was more forthright in his condemnation. If television scenes of the rally were a true reflection of the meeting "I think it was a disgrace", he told reporters.

Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, who described violence in the coalfields as "deplorable", said that Tuesday night's developments were "clearly not helpful" to a negotiated settlement of the strike.

He added that the recent violence indicated that "this Government is not governing. "There must be a government initiative."

Mr Tony Christopher, general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, also hoped for a fresh initiative from the Government

Mr John Daly, general secretary of the National and Local Government Officers' Association, described Mr Willis's speech as "very brave and courageous".

Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, was "not very satisfied" with the reception given to Mr Willis.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, described the behaviour of the Welsh miners as "disgraceful".

Mr Bill Keys, general secretary of Sogat 82, said that Mr Willis was only supporting TUC policy at the rally and that was entirely right. Mr Ron Todd, general secretary-elect of the Transport and General Workers: Union, described Mr Willis's discomforture as "one of the penalties of being in industrail relations". The scenes at the rally did not alter his union's support for the miners, he said.

The only leading trade union leader to sympathize fully with the sentimenst of miners at the rally was Mr Mick McGahey, vice-president of the NUM. He told reporters that he regretted Mr Willis's remarks and felt that it would have been better if he had concentrated his attention on police violence.

Willis plays down threat

Mr Willis last night passed off the noose incident with humour and concern that there should be a negotiated settlement to the 36-week strike (Our Labour Correspondent, writes).

Mr Willis, who took over the Congress House "hot seat" from Mr Len Murray last September, said: "I didn't feel a great threat about the noose; I mean, it was a long rope with the smallest noose I have seen".

Mr Willis was clearly disappointed, and hurt by the reception given to him, but he emphasized the need for the miners to be given continued support by other unions. He was also disappointed that the rally was not able to hear all his remarks, which contained a declaration of support from the TUC and a call for a reopening of negotiations.

New light on cancer tumour diagnosis

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Preliminary studies into the biochemistry of tumours and healthy tissue in cancer patients have opened the way for a big programme of research and new treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital and the Institute of Cancer Research, in London.

The aim of the new work is to obtain earlier diagnosis of tumours, and to improve methods of treatment with drugs, surgery and radiotherapy.

The results showed that the amount of blood flowing through a tumour, the rate of biological activity of a tumour – determined by the proportion of different molecules detected – and the response of tumours to different treatments could all be seen, even with experimental equipment.

The research will be based on a machine which provides both images of tissues and organs for diagnosing tumours, and their biochemical profile, which hitherto would have been obtained only by taking a sample of tissue by biopsy for laboratory analysis.

The machine is a special version of the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance scanner, NMR, which the Siemens' medical equipment group has built for the Royal Marsden. The machine costs £1½m.

The same team, which evaluated six years ago the best way of exploiting CT X-ray scanners for the Cancer Research Campaign, will make a similar study for NMR systems. That group, working with Dr Janet Husband, consultant radiologist, will determine the equipment's accuracy, compare its ability to make images and obtain bioligical data with existing methods, and document the new methods and refinements to treatments based on the information the NMR provides.

MPs hear Falklands peace plan details

By Richard Evans Lobby Reporter

Britain's Ambassador to Peru during the Falklands conflict told MPs last night that he first heard of the Peruvian peace initiative aimed at averting the war three hours after the General Belgrano was sunk.

But Mr Charles Wallace told the Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs that when he was informed by Dr Arias Stella, Peru's Foreign Minister, he was given a clear indication that details of the peace plan had already been forwarded to Mr Francis Pym, then Foreign Secretary, and the British Government by Mr Alexander Haig, US Secretary of State.

"Dr Stella said the plan had been discussed in telephone conversations with Mr Haig in Washington and there was a clear implication in the conversations I had with him that these proposals had been transmitted by Haig to the British Government."

● A call for a White Paper to be published to sort out the conflict of evidence over the sinking of the Belgrano was made on television last night by Lord Annan, chairing a debate on Mr Tam Dalyell's demand for a tribunal of inquiry (a Staff Reporter writes).

Mr Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, said after the *Brass Tacks* programme on BBC 2 that he would "certainly welcome" such a White Paper.

Lord Annan said it was clear there had been "an imperial boxup" over times, movements, and conflicting stories around the period the cruiser was sunk in 1982, all attributed to "the fog of war".

Mr Cranley Onslow, a Foreign Office minister of state at the time, told Mr Dalyell that he deeply resented accusations by him that he had lied to the Commons.

Student grant up 3% and parents pay more

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The main rate of the student grant will be increased by about 3 per cent next academic year, the Government said yesterday. It also gave details of how much better-off parents will have to pay towards their children's higher education.

The statement, made by Mr Peter Brooke, Under-Secretary of State, Education and Science, in reply to a written parliamentary question, was condemned by the National Union of Students. It said that the measures meant an average loss to students of £44, or five weeks's disposable income.

Students are planning to force all higher education institutions to close next Wednesday in protest.

Mr Brooke said that families with more than one student in higher education would not have to pay more than a total of £4,000 towards their children's living costs and education.

He confirmed that parents with larger incomes would have to pay proportionatly more, that the minimum grant would be abolished, and that parents at the upper end of the scale would have to pay towards tuition fees. The last change is an important break with precedent.

The new scales show that parents with a residual income (income remaining after certain deductions) of between £7,600 and £12,000 will pay less towards their children's living costs. Other details include:

Parents with residual income of £15,500 will pay £113 more, taking the total contribution to £1,399 a year.

Parents with residual income of £17,000 will pay £238 more. total contribution. £1,774; residual income £20,000, to pay £488 more, total £2,524; residual income £23,000, to pay £738 more, total £3,274; and residual income £25,000, pay £904 more, total £3,774.

Allison's anger at talk of sale

Malcolm Allison, who was dismissed as manager of Middlesborough, the second division football club, told an industrial tribunal at Teesside yesterday that he lost his temper and thumped the boardroom table with his fists when he was ordered to sell one of his former team's top players.

He told the tribunal that he feared the outcome of selling players would be relegation and he would follow in the footsteps of other managers "where the bank manager ended up picking the team and the manager was sacked".

Mr Allison, aged 57, said he would never have joined Middlesbrough if he had been told he would have to dispose of players to ease the club's "horrific financial problems" with transfer fees.

He was dismissed last March and is claiming unfair dismissl. The club claims he displayed gross contractual misconduct.

Mr Allison thought the club wanted him because "they needed some charisma about the place and they felt I had got that charisma.

Journalists among air crash dead

Four leading Irish journalists and three Dublin restaurateurs, all involved in the annual race to bring back the first bottles of Beaujolais Nouveau from France, were among the nine killed when a light aircraft crashed in a Sussex hillside near Eastbourne.

Police were yesterday treating the crash as an accident, although one of the journalists, John Feeney, a columnist with the Dublin *Evening Herald*, was an outspoken critic of the IRA

Experts from the Department of Trade and Industry believe that the pilot of the twin-engined Rockwell Aero Commander, which came down in heavy rain and poor visibility near the village of East Dean on Wednesday night, may have been trying to find a safe landing place

The nine on board were: Niall Hanley, editor of the *Evening Herald*; Mr Feeney; Kevin Marron, a columnist and former editor of the *Sunday World*; Tony Hennigan, diary editor for the *Irish Independent*; Mr Gibbons; Francois Schelbaum, manager of the Sands Hotel; Arrigo Chichi, a restaurateur; Cormack Cassidy, a wine merchant; and Jack Walsh, the pilot.

£3.3m for Picasso pastel

By Iuon Mallalieu

In a sale of Impressionist and modern works held in New York by Christie's on Tuesday evening, five paintings passed the million pound mark and the total for the 64 works on offer was $21,341,000 or £16,416,153 with 18 per cent bought in.

Such have been the currency fluctuations in recent years that it is no longer possible to talk in terms of outright records, but the most expensive lot was Picasso's pastel on canvas, "Femme assise au Chapeau", dating from 1923, which went to a private bidder at $4,290,000 or £3,300,000. It was sold on behalf of the Edward James Foundation, having been on loan to the Tate, since 1958.

A second Picasso, "Femme à la Mandoline", which was the property of Walter Annenberg, reached $1,925,000 or £1,480,769.

The second most expensive painting of the evening was a refreshing Monet, "La Promenade, Argenteuil", which also came from the Annenbery collection and sold for $2,890,000 or £1,607,692.

Laitner rape reports 'lacked sensitivity'

Newspapers demonstrated an appalling lack of compassion or sensitivity in court reports of the ordeal of Miss Nicola Laitner, the rape victim, the Press Council says today.

Although the judge freed them from legal restrictions on reporting details, the papers should have abided by ethical restraints, it concluded.

Miss Laitner was raped at her home in Sheffield after her parents and brothers had been murdered. Normally victims and defendants are not identified in the press during trials involving rape alone.

The council received protests during and after the Laitner case over the application by Sheffield Newspapers to have reporting restrictions lifted, the granting of its request, and general newspaper coverage of the trial.

The council says it has considered the lifting of reporting restrictions under the Sexual Offences Amendment Act for the trial of Arthur Hutchinson and press coverage of the trial. He was convicted at Durham Crown Court of the murder of Mr and Mrs Basil Laitner and their son, Richard, raping Miss Laitner and burglary.

The restrictions would have barred newspapers from identifying Miss Laitner and from identifying Hutchinson until after his conviction.

Sheffield Newspapers argued in leading articles after the trial that the murders and the rape were so inextricably bound together that the one could not have been reported without the other, and that unless the restrictions had been removed the case could not have been covered.

"In the event, the trial was reported in detail, at great length and with much prominence by many newspapers and by other media", the council says.

"The reporting included the detailed cross-examination of Miss Laitner and many pictures of her were published in the press and shown on television."

The council points out that newspapers were legally free to apply for reporting restrictions to be lifted on the ground of public interest. It is satisfied that, apart from their legal right to do so, there was no ethical reason why they should not make the application.

Whether or not to grant the application, and if so on what terms, was a matter for the judge. The council believes that newspapers should have regarded themselves as still bound by ethical restraints.

NCB success in building coal stocks

By Staff Reporters

Coal stocks at power stations have been built up by more than 100,000 tons a week in the past two weeks, according to government estimates. They are now at their highest level since the middle of August, due mostly to the National Coal Board's success in producing and lifting more coal than at any time so far in the miners' strike.

The last official statistics on the level of coal stocks relate to August when power station stocks stood at 15.5 millions tons. The Central Electricity Generating Board has consistently refused to give details of how much coal it has in stock.

Last week the power station stockpiles are said by some sources to have risen by more than 130,000 tons. Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, said a week ago that the increase the previous week had also been substantially more than 100,000 tons. The build-up is expected to be maintained at the same rate this week.

● Electricity bills could increase by 10 per cent in 12 months if a "Scargill surcharge" is imposed on electricity consumers to cover the cost of the coal strike, Mr Philip Jones, chairman of the Electricity Council, said yesterday.

He told the Commons energy select committee that, implicitly such a "burden" would scupper plans to hold prices "on average below 5 per cent in each of the next three years", and would have a devastating effect on industry. He said he thought the costs should be borne by the Government.

● Mrs Alison Davison, aged 61, a retired teacher, who hurled three tins of cat food at Mr Arthur Scargill in Sunderland last month said that she regretted missing him. One can hit Mr Scargill's chauffeur in the face.

The town's magistrates fined her £50 when she admitted using threatening words and behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

● Staff at the National Union of Mineworkers' headquarters in Sheffield are believed to have been paid a lump sum to cover their wages for up to six months in advance before the High Court ordered the sequestration of the union's funds last month.

Returning miners on November 14 (source NCB) – Scotland 108; North East 170; North Yorkshire 83; South Yorkshire 118; Doncaster 28; Barnsley 62; Western 144; South Wales 4; North Derbyshire 218; South Midlands (incl Kent) 21; North Notts 19; South Notts 1; Coal products plants 14. Total: 947.

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Science lessons scheme for primary pupils

All primary schools children should be taught science, covering living things such as materials and their characteristics, energy and its interaction with materials and forces and their effects.

That blueprint for the primary science curriculum was described yesterday by its architect, Mr Michael Saunders, assistant secretary at the Department of Education and Science.

Stamp booklet marks Times anniversary

The Post Office's 1985 stamp issuing programme opens on January 8 with the release of a special booklet of stamps commemorating the 200th anniversary of the first issue of *The Times*.

The booklet will contain stamps to the value of £5 and the text and illustrations will trace the newspaper's history.

Other special issues of stamps will commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Royal Mail as a public service.

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Harrods bombers will be brought to trial, Hucklesby tells inquest

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Verdicts of unlawful killing were recorded on the six victims of the Harrods bombing by a London coroner yesterday as a senior detective forecast that the IRA culprits would eventually stand trial.

Commander William Hucklesby, who investigated the car bombs attack last December as head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, said that the police "responded to a warning given by the IRA which was so timed as to lure those charged with the duty of protecting the public to their deaths".

Mr Hucklesby said that the police were determined to pursue the terrorists wherever they might hide. The Yard was supported by police on both sides of the Irish border and Mr Hucklesby said: "These investigations are complicated and take time but eventually I am confident we will bring to justice those responsible".

He was answering questions put by Dr Paul Knapman, the west London coroner, on an attack in which three police officers died. Dr Knapman said: "When there is a bomb scare someone has to investigate... those people are police. They wear the dark blue uniform. They cannot and they do not shrink from their duty. We should not forget that."

Dr Iain West, a Home Office pathologist, described the injuries of the dead. He said that Woman Police Constable Jane Arbuthnot, aged 22, died instantly. She was hit by a piece of shrapnel and burned. Pieces of the bomb shredded organs.

Mr Philip Geddes, aged 24, a journalist of Lambeth, South London, was found on the other side of Hans Crescent from Harrods with severe shrapnel wounds to the chest. Sergeant Noel Lane, aged 28, was probably the closest to the bomb and had severe burns. Mr Kenneth Salvesen, aged 28 an American living in Chelsea, was struck by shrapnel and burned. Inspector Stephen Dodd, aged 34, was wounded in the blast and died later. Shrapnel went through his skull into his brain.

Dr West described in detail the external and internal wounds suffered by Mrs Caroline Cochrane-Patrick, aged 24, after her mother, sitting in court, had asked for the report. Mrs Cochrane-Patrick had a hand severed, metal embedded in her jaw and her spinal cord was cut.

The chronology of events on December 17 last year when the bomb exploded at about 1.20 pm were described in court. "Mr Hill," working for the Samaritans at their centre in Walbrook in the City of London, said that he took a telephone call from an Irishman at between 12.40 and 12.45 am.

The caller said that there was a car bomb outside Harrods and two more bombs inside.

The caller said there was also a bomb in Littlewoods in Oxford Street and further communications would be made with the code word "Wonder". Mr Hill called the police.



Bomb victim: PC Gordon leaving the inquest yesterday.

At Chelsea police station Sergeant William Kane was working in the station communications room when the message came from the Yard on a personal radio network.

Sgt Kane told another officer to ring Harrods. He talked to Mr Dodd and he read a teleprinter message confirming the Yard radio message. Sgt Kane said the code word suggested the warning should be treated seriously. He told a constable to ring Harrods again and emphasize the warning was more serious than normal.

Sgt Kane drove to Harrods with Mr Dodd and two other officers. Sgt Kane said he saw the bomb car.

Two officers got out of the police car and then Sgt Kane saw his windscreen shatter. "I saw flames and I thought they were from my car", he said. "I opened my door and threw myself to the roadway. I got to my feet and a gold car and my car were engulfed in flames.

"I saw a police dog handler lying in the gutter, lying on top of his dog."

Police Constable John Gordon, the handler, who eventually lost both legs, told the court that he and his dog, Queenie, were on duty in central London. At about 12pm they were sent to the Harrods area by Mr Dodd, who may have thought, mistakenly that the dog could sniff explosives.

PC Gordon said that as he patrolled Hans Crescent "I was having trouble controlling Queenie. She had never behaved like that before.

When the bomb went off he could have been no further away than the breadth of the street. His dog was so badly injured she was shot

Doctors ask for change of rule on the Pill

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

Petitions signed by 2,000 doctors were yesterday handed in to the General Medical Council asking it to change its ruling that doctors must not tell parents of girls aged under-16 if they seek contraception, unless they have a girl's permission.

At a press conference in London yesterday, doctors claimed that the ruling put them at risk of blackmail by young patients who would threaten them with a charge of serious professional misconduct if they insisted on involving parents in decisions on contraception.

Under-age sex, the doctors said, put girls at risk of venereal disease and later infertility. It increased their chances of ectopic pregnancy and of cervical cancer which had reached "epidemic proportions" in women under 35 because of teenage sexual activity.

The petitions, one of which would simply remove the confidentiality clause, while the other says the doctor's duty to the parents should "normally" outweigh the rule of confidentiality, have been signed by leading doctors including Dr John Peel, the former gynaecologist to the Queen; Dr Derek Stevenson, a former secretary of the British Medical Association; and Sir Reginald Murley, a former President of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Dr John Havard, secretary of the British Medical Association, said, however, that the vast majority of doctors supported the GMC's position.

The Brook Advisory clinics said that removal of confidentiality would produce more under-age pregnancies, of which there were 5,330 in 1981.

The National Coucil for One-Parent Families said that changing the rule would mean "many young women have no one to turn to for advice".



High fashion: Miss Australia, Lou-Anne Caroline Ronchi, having her hair washed yesterday in preparation for tonight's Miss World contest in London.

Safer polymer tyre that saves fuel wins scientist prize

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The secrets of the polmer material used for a new fuel saving and safer car tyre were revealed last night. It has been descrived as the first significant advance since the development of radial tyres, which have virtually become the standard for cars in Europe.

Dr Robert Bond, the scientist who invented the polymer material, which cuts petrol consumption and improves roadholding in the wet, received the Esso Energy award, made by the Royal Society, in London. The plastic material is made by Shell. It is incorporated into the SP Elite tyre produced by Dunlop, and it is fitted the BL Metro.

But the sample of the raw material shown during a lecture to the Royal Society by Dr Bond was not black as seen on the finished car tyre. It was a transparent material, with a slightly yellowish tinge.

Dr Bond is a director of the company, George Angus, at Wallsend, Tyne and Wear. But the material he perfected came from a research project he directed with Dunlop and Shell into new compounds that gave the best performance of wet-grip and rolling resistance.

The origins of the development go back to research by Dr Bond and his colleagues at Birmingham University, which questioned accepted theories of how to improve tread compounds to get better grip in the wet.

A drum machine was built to make the measurements. The machine simulated a road surface, and it was used to reproduce the conditions between the tyre and a road surface under both road rolling and wet sliding conditions.

The generally accepted idea about how the tyre gripped on a wet road led to the conclusiion that when grip was improved there was an increase in rolling resistance, which meant higher fuel consumption.

The new approach enabled a tailor made polymer to be developed which broke away from established conventious. It gave a reduced rolling resistance, leading to improvement in both fuel economy and wet-road grip, Dr Bond says.

His studies examined the properties and responses of polymers at different vibrational frequencies; the properties affecting a wet-grip and rolling resistance could be distinguished and, hence, the compound with the right vibrational characterist defined.

Dr Bond believes the discovery is the most significant advance in tyre polymer design technology for 25 years.

Intoximeter 8 pardoned

Eight motorists convicted of failing to provide a breath specimen for testing by a Lion Intoximeter have been given free pardons because of a fault in the machine, the Home Office announced yesterday.

They were among 190 who were convicted after tests by a Lion machine, installed in Carlisle police station, between May, 1983, and last February.

But the machine had a fault which occasionally prevented it from receiving breath, and it was later withdrawn from service.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, decided that in 130 cases the fault in the machine had not affected the result of the tests, and he would not take action.

But in eight cases where the accused tried and failed to offer a sample of breath, the Home Secretary decided to recommend free pardons because of the fault.

Nouveau '84 gets hesitant welcome

By Jane MacQuitty Wine Correspondent

The British wine trade is showing much less *joie de vivre* this year over the highly orchestrated arrival of the first of the Beaujolais Nouveau. About four million bottles of the wine are due to arrive this morning, a fifth less than last year's shipment.

Most merchants appear to have reduced their *nouveau* requirements and one important chain of shops said yesterday that "the trade does not want to be stuck with stock it cannot sell".

This lack of enthusiasm probably stems from reports of the late, low quality French harvest.

The Beaujolais Nouveau crop this year is about 30 per cent less than last year's. The quality is likely to be variable without the tannin and richness of the exceptionally good 1983, but the two 1984 nouveaux I tasted last week were at least sound, fruity, well made wines.

As usual, the many Beaujolais races and rallies will appear ridiculous: lorries laden with Nouveau can arrive in Calais a good two days before the official release time of one minute past midnight.

To speed the operation, from next year, there is a strong possibility that the Beaujolais Nouveau will be shipped on the third Thursday in November, thereby avoiding weekend or holiday delays.

● The results of a blind 1984 Beaujolais Nouveau tasting will be published in *The Times* on Saturday.

Bronze Age find

Three axe heads and a dagger used in the Bronze Age 3,500 years ago have been found in a field near Crewe, Cheshire, by Mr Cyril Montague, aged 51, of HazelGrove, Crewe.

Salmonella hospital averted 'disaster'

An outbreak of salmonella food poisoning which killed 19 patients at a psychiatric hospital could have overwhelmed the resources of any British hospital, an inquest was told yesterday.

Dr John Settle, a Yorkshire Regional Health Authority consultant who investigated the outbreak last August at Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield, said the infection presented a "disaster situation". More than 200 patients and 80 staff were affected.

The jury returned verdicts of death by misadventure on the 19 dead.

At the end of the Wakefield inquest, the coroner, Mr Arthur Marshall, said of the hospital staff: "The way they managed to control this outbreak was in my opinion very remarkable, and shows a great deal of devotion to duty".

Dr Settle said that roast beef appeared to be the most likely vehicle for carrying the infection, but not necessarily the only one. The patients were served a roast beef salad after the cooked meat had been kept overnight in a refrigerator.

Salmonella had also been found in drains at the hospital. Investigations were conducted on drinking water and milk, but no salmonella was found.

Dr Settle said the organism's period of incubation could be as little as six hours or up to 72 hours. He believed 18 of the victims started symptoms during the incubation period. The other death could possibly have been by cross-infection. This showed that the control methods used by the staff were highly effective.

"I would expect a secondary wave to be as big as the primary infection", Dr Settle said. "It was effective control because of the efforts being made by the staff."

Leaders of paedophile group are sent to jail

Two child-sex campaigners had their worst fears realized yesterday at the Central Criminal Court when they were sent to jail knowing that they face a hate campaign by other prisoners.

The men, David Joy and Peter Bremner, had tea thrown over them by inmates of the jail where they were held overnight before being sentenced.

Judge Owen was told that the men, former executive committee members of the defunct Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE), had "an all-pervading and very great fear" of going to jail.

He sentenced Joy, aged 43, to 18 months' imprisonment, Bremner, aged 45, was given six months.

A campaign to outlaw groups such as PIE, which advocated the legalization of sex between adults and children, is being led by Mrs Mary Whitehouse and Mr Geoffrey Dickens MP.

Joy, of Russell Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire, and Bremner, of Upper Clapton Road, east London, were found guilty on Tuesday of sending an indecent article through the post.

Joy was convicted of publishing an obscene article but Bremner was cleared. Both were acquitted of incitement to commit unlawful sexual acts with children.

The prosecution told the jury that a third man, Mr Stephen Smith, aged 29, should also have been on trial, but is in Holland.

New £20 note design to foil forgers

By Robin Young

The Bank of England yesterday disclosed details of a new £20 note, replacing the one that has become a principal target of counterfeiters. The redesigned note, available from banks from today, incorporates several new features intended to make it more difficult to forge.

In the new notes the security thread is "windowed" by a new process developed by the bank and Portals, its papermakers, so that the metallic thread appears in a series of dashes on the front of the note. Mr David Somerset, the bank's chief cashier, claimed that the process was a British first, and a significant addition to security.



A specimen of the £20 note with new areas of colour and a "windowed" security thread.

Further refinements include an improved quality watermark, of Shakespeare instead of the Queen, and intaglio printing in purple, green and brown instead of the old note's monochrome purple. Despite the changes, the new note retains the same general appearance as the 1970 design.

Mr Somerset said that forgeries of the old £20 note known to be circulating have numbers beginning with H35 or H85. The most important points in checking the authenticity of any note, though, were the security thread, watermark, the general colour of the note and the quality of the printing.

The 113 million old £20 notes in circulation are expected mostly to have been collected and destroyed in the first three months of next year,

Mr Somerset said that he would expect most £1 notes to disappear from circulation in the first six months of 1985.

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Howe assurance: no cut in humanitarian aid to poorer countries

ETHIOPIA

Any change in the overseas aid programme would be modest and certainly not on the scale suggested in some newspapers, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in Commons questions. He assured the House that in the review of programmes he was undertaking there would be no reduction whatsoever in the allocations made for humanitarian aid to poorer countries, disaster or famine relief of the sort now being given to Ethiopia.

Asked what action he was taking to control the total running costs of *his* department, he said the Foreign and Commonwealth Office was continously seeking to reduce costs. The process was continuing despite the increasing demands on *the Foreign and Commonwealth* Office which were recognized by the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee in its report on the FCO estimates.

Measures which are being taken to control runing costs (he said) include travel and freight arrangements, office cleaning, and secretarial services and computerizaion of certain accounting processes in the Overseas Developments Agency.

Mr Peter Thurnham (Bolton North East, C): Can he confirm that the Government's swift and humane action in Ethiopa will be unaffected *by any expenditure review currently* in process?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I am taking a careful look at all overseas subjects for which I am responsible: the British Council, the BBC, military training and assistance and diplomatic representation and I will decide where adjustments can best be made.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP (Plymouth, Devonport): Many of us believe there is no case for any cut, *let alone cuts in the aid budget.* Is there any reason why diplomatic services should not be made out of contingency reserves.

Can he give an assurance that if *he is going to make savings, he will* cut back on some of the larger missions and not reduce the number of missions.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: He understands from experience that programmes of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office have to manage within the framework of the Government's economic policy. He is right to draw attention to *savings. That that has* been done means scope for further progress in that direction may be limited.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C): Is it not the height of folly that we spend billions of pounds in defence *but seem to grudge every penny* spent on foreign policy? In view of the importance of the issues *involved, will he produce a White* Paper setting out precisely the *nature and priorities of any cuts he* has in mind?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The balancing of all departments, whether of defence of foreign and Common*wealth affairs or the substantial* domestic programmes, which are having to face reductions, have to be determined by arriving at the best balance of judgement. The House will be informed of my conclusions.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Com*monwealth affairs (Leeds East)*: Can he confirm the estimate of his predecessor (Mr Francis Pym) that the figures announced by the Chancellor on Monday amount to a *cut in real terms of between £30m* and £100m in the expenditure for which the Foreign Secretary is responsible?

How can he possibly justify any cut in the aid programme when recent events have proved it is desperately urgent to increase aid by at least 50 per cent to the same share of national wealth it took under the *last Labour Government.*

How can he justify any cut in *other instruments of British foreign* policy, already cut beyond the bone in some cases, at the same time as the Government is increasing expenditure on the European *Community by £200m more than* planned earlier this year?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The reductions achieved in the British contributions as a result of negotiations are substantial – a cut amounting to some £2,500m.

In the circumstances when Mr Healey was performing the duty of *the Chancellor of the Exchequer, he announced* a reduction of £50m in aid programmes in three successive years which were on a much more substantial scale at that time and *did not exlude the impact on the* poorest people in the world.

£35m EEC food aid for Ethiopia

The Government's recent decisions involving public expenditure would not affect humanitarian aid to Ethiopia, Mr **Malcolm Rifkind**, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons *questions.*

He was replying to Mr **John Home Robertson** (East Lothian, *Lab*) who had asked whether, in view of the cuts in the real value of the foreign aid budget announced by the Chancellor earlier this week, the minister would give a categorical undertaking that the aid programme to Ethiopia and other famine-hit *areas would be expended in line* with the clearly expressed demand of the whole nation.

Mr Tony Baldry (Banbury, C) considered it would be better for the Foreign Secretary to go to Brussels rather than Ethiopia and take a firm lead *in the EEC Council of* Ministers and persuade other nations that at a time when granaries were groaning with grain, the EEC should cut through the *budgetary red tape and ensure* sufficient supplies of grain reached drought-effected Africa.

Mr Rifkind: The Government has already taken the initiative within the Community which, since October this year, has already agreed *to £35m* of food aid to go to Ethiopia.

***Mr John Townend** (Bridlington, C)*: When visiting Ethiopia, the minister should point out to that government that if they spent on food the vast amount they spent on celebrating the *Marxist revolution* and buying arms from Russia there would be far less people starving. For the United Nations to be spending £50m on building a conference centre is appalling.

Mr Rifkind: That is a valid point. A *country that finds it impossible to* provide basic food requirements for its own population should think carefully before using resources on what many would consider to be *less essential matters.*

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs: The scale of the *human tragedy in Ethiopia is such* as to make political point-scoring ignoble and unworthy.

The scale of that tragedy dwarfs the amount of aid being given by *Europe and the United States to* deal with it. The famine in other African countries, notably Sudan and Chad, is fast approaching the same scale.

Much more humanitarian aid is needed immediately and, if similar *disasters are to be avoided in future* years, development aid must be vastly increased above the level the Government has so far found fit to provide.

Mr Rifkind: Long-term economic aid for Ethiopia or any other *country takes into account considerations* going far beyond the relief of immediate suffering and starvation. I am quite certain the Minister of Overseas Development will be applying the usual developmental criteria in deciding how to use resources.

Britain will not give in to blackmail

LIBYA

There could be no *blackmail* whatsoever in the context of British citizens detained in Libya, **Mr Richard Luce**, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons questions. The Government could not conceivably contemplate handing over Libyan terrorists held in Britain in exchange for those British citizens held in Libya, he said. This would greatly increase the danger to *British citizens in many other parts* of the world.

All of the hostages detained by the Libyan authorities earlier this year are still being detained. We *continue to make vigorous represen*tations through the Italian protecting power and through other channels to secure their early release.

We are looking to the Libyan authorities to give a fair and open trial to the two who were recently charged with security offences. While British citizens are being held *without justification* we cannot begin to look at ways of dealing with other problems between us and the Libyan authorities.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): *Stop buying their oil?*

Mr Andrew MacKay (East Berkshire, C): Can he confirm that we will not give in to Libyan blackmail by entertaining at any time a switch of the two British citizens arrested with terrorists in this country? Can he confirm these British citizens in Libya are being adequately represented?

Mr Luce: I must endorse strongly what he has said. There can be no *blackmail whatsoever in the context* of those citizens who have been detained. If we were as a



MacKay: Do not entertain switch of prisoners

Government to follow the policy of *handing over those who have been* convicted in this country in British courts of terrorist offences, this would greatly increase the danger to British citizens in many other parts *of the world. We cannot conceivable* contemplate that.

As for our citizens, we are watching the situation with great concern and are certainly taking action over Mr Russell and Mr Anderson against whom we believe there are charges, to clarify the nature of those charges, to ensure they have adequate legal representation and to work hard to make sure their trial is open and fair and held as early as possible.

Mr John Ryman (Blyth Valley, Lab): Can he confirm or deny that Libyan nationals in this country are being trained by the National Coal Board in the use of computers, which can easily be adapted for military purposes?

Mr Luce: I cannot give a specific answer to that but I will look into it. We broke off diplomatic relations on April 22 this year in the light of *the terrible incident that took place* and the killing of WPC Fletcher. We do not have any official relations, but ordinary trade continues. There are still 4,000 British subjects there.

Joseph to introduce new merit award in examinations

EDUCATION

Sir Kenneth Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced during a Commons debate on education that he is to add another *level to the general* certificate of secondary education for 16 year olds. The level will be called merit award and will be below the level of distinction.

He said he hoped it would be a further stimulus towards excellence *but he denied that it was his* intention to reintroduce "O" levels under another name.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, opening the debate, said the Government was failing to provide money to finance *the existing system of* education adequately, let alone provide money for improvements.

He moved an opposition motion calling for increased investment in education. It deplored the squeeze on educational spending which, it *said, as her Majesty's Inspectorate* had warned, was already threatening standards in schools and colleges.

He said that last January Sir Keith Joseph made a speech at *Sheffield in which he set out a plan* for raising standards. A week ago the Secretary of State was complacently puffing the same plan in the Queen's Speech.

Sir Keith had made little effort to enter into a real dialogue with those whom he sought to influence: local authorities, educationists, teachers and parents. Sir Keith simply *failed* to understand that one could not *bring about* change in British education by dictat. There must be dialogue, consensus and partnership.

The Secretary of State's handling of the teachers had been crass.

The Secretary of State's stock *answer on cuts was that a lot of* money was already being spent on education at that redeployment of resources was what was needed. Most local authorities were likely to be worse off as a consequence of the Government's spending plans for 1985-86.

The Secretary of State wanted more cuts in school meals and milk *and wanted dinner ladies to take* cuts in negotiated levels of wages and conditions.

The Labour Party had never said that everything in education could *be solved by money, but the* Government had made the situation worse by its cuts.

Its policies were so perverse that if an authority tried to raise more *money to spend on education it was* caught by the rate-capping legislation.

The victims of this absurdity were the children who were the *nation's future.*

Sir Keith Joseph said he had received two reports on studies into what explained the different standards of *different* schools. The reports would be published soon.

The two studies showed a strong relationship between school pupils' examination results and socio-economic background, but they shed little light on the influence of other factors on pupils' performance or on the wide variation in examination *achievements among pupils from* similar socio-economic backgrounds.

He had concluded that he would not be justified in providing funds for more research on the lines of the recent studies but was willing to consider proposals for research ranging more widely and exploring the relationship between social background of pupils collected at the level of *individual* pupils, a range *of school* outputs, including public examinations, and a range of school *inputs such as resources*, the achievements of pupils on entry to secondary schools, teaching quality, *the organization of the school* and its internal practices, including teacher expectations, curriculum continuity and homework.

Such research would be complex and expensive and could not be expected to yield results in fewer *than three years.*

The department would discuss any proposals for research in detail with applicants before he decided on financial support.

Government study of council abuses

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government was promised a *fight to get its legislation to abolish* the GLC and the metropolitan county councils through the House of Lords when Lady **Birk**, speaking from the Opposition front bench, opened a debate on relations between central and local government in the House of Lords.

With the large majority held by the Goverment in the Commons, *it left the House of Lords* as the body that could act as a protector and as such *peers* would take appropriate steps when the Bill came before them.

The ever-shifting balance *in* decision making between central *and local government was leading to* a breakdown in communication between the two. More and more decisions that had traditionally been taken by local authorities were being *devolved to the centre.*

That was strange from a government that was constantly saying the people should be given opportunities to make their own decisions. The tension now between the two bodies was such there was *virtually a civil war.*

The rate capping proposals could only make relations worse as central government tried to impose cuts using increasingly sever financial mechanisms.

Local authorities felt they were up *against a government not trying to* help them but which was antagonistic. There seemed to be a belief that Whitehall knew best coupled with disdain and even contempt for local councils and their *25,000* councillors.

Cooperation had been *replaced* by virilent opposition and consultation was considered almost a farce.

If the Government did not like *local government why did it not* have the courage of its convictions and instead of strangling it do away with it altogether.

Lord Avon, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, *said in* many urban councils they were seeing the *emergence* of a deliberate attempt by some political groups to use local authorities as a laboratory for policies which had little or nothing to do with the traditional concept of local government.

Too often (he went on) we see conventional checks and balances being scorned, the rights of minorities on councils being *suppressed, standing orders* being manipulated to stifle debate, councils squandering *millions* on virulent propaganda campaigns.

The Government had received countless demands for action to be taken *to prevent the more flagrant abuses* that had hit the headlines and presented grave challenges to the health of local democracy.

The Government had indicated its intention to hold a careful and dispassionate *study not only of the* kind of abuses he had mentioned but also of those underlying changes which the abuses reflected. It would shortly be putting forward proposals *for an inquiry into those issues on* which the Opposition parties would *be consulted* and would also be in touch with the local government associations.

Lord Harris of Greenwich (SDP) said the new type of local authority believed in heavy expenditure increases but no rate rises and had *unqualified enthusiasm for outright* conflict with the government of the day and the courts as well.

Lord Irving of Dartford (Lab) asked *why, if the Government by* abolishing the GLC and transferring responsibility to the boroughs intended to give more power to the lowest local level, were so many *reserve powers being retained* by the Secretary of State?

Fisheries cannot be disrupted

EEC AND SPAIN

Fishing was one of the most difficult issues to resolve in negotiations on Spain's accession to the EEC. **Mr Malcolm Rifkind**, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during questions in the Commons.

Mr Richard Body (Holland with Boston, C), pointing out that Spain was building up the largest *fishing* fleet in Europe, said: To what extent can the Minister give an assurance *to the fishermen of this country that* their livelihoods are not to be endangered?

Mr Rifkind replied: We attach *enormous importance to the* fisherman of Britain. The negotiations over fishing have been difficult to resolve. We have made clear that the common fisheries policy cannot be *disrupted* as a result of Spain's accession and I do believe that they themselves realistically realize that there has to be a fisheries policy which takes account of *the interests of the EEC* partners.

***Mr David Harris** (St Ives, C)* said there was considerable alarm that the fishing issue would be put off until after Spain's accession to the EEC. This would be incredibly *damaging, not least* to the fishermen of South West England.

Mr Rifkind said there was no danger of that happening. The *problems of a transitional period of* access to waters and fishing in third party waters were recognized.

Later, **Mr Robin Cook**, Opposition *spokesman on* European and Community Affairs, said that the grain released by the EEC, *commission was 1 per cent of* surplus stocks and less than a tenth of what was going into stock.

It is offensive at this time when the Government announces in*creased expenditure on storage of* surplus grain by the EEC, (he said) although it would be cheaper to ship it to Ethiopia than to store it in Europe.

What *will he do to impress his* colleagues of the need for more generosity and humanity, before it is too late to respond?

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs: Of course it is necessary to overcome the capacity of the Community to generate *surpluses of food in many directions* and which cannot be disposed of in any way. It is a policy the Government has been pursuing in the Community. The British *Government had been pressing the* Community to extend its programme of aid to famine-ridden areas.

Transfer of sovereignty 'not on'

THE FALKLANDS

*Mr **Timothy Renton**, Under* Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs defended the Government's refusal to negotiate on sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and said amid Opposition protests that the European Parliament's *recent* invitation to President Alfonsin of Argentina had been inappropriate.

He was asked by **Mr Nigel Spearing** (Newham South, Lab) during Commons *questions* what response the Government had made to the most recent United Nations resolution on the Falklands.

Mr Renton said Britain had voted against the resolution which was not mandatory, but remained ready to *rebuild confidence with Argentina* by a dialogue on practical ways of improving bilateral relations.

Mr Spearing *said* the case of the British Government and the British people would be a good deal stronger if the social and economic conditions in the Falkland were nearer the norms of 1984 than those of 1784.

The principal proprietor and factor in the Falklands was one company whose profits went to absentee shareholders. Lord Shackleon's report some years ago had said the land should be made available to the Falklanders. Why was the Government not pursuing *that aim more vigorously*?

Mr Renton said the private contracts about which there had been press speculation had been entered into freely between the Falkland Islands Company and individuals without coercion.

We are satisfied (he added) that under the auspices of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation there will be a gradual approach, as Lord Shackleton recommended, to the question of land subdivision and redistribution. Steps ar being taken in the right direction.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said the time had come for proper discussions with the democratically-elected government in *Argentina on the future of the* Falklands.

Mr Renton wondered *if Mr Heffer* had considered the rights of the Falklanders thenselves; their right to *self determination.*

The sensible thing was for Argentina to realize that transfer of sovereighty, which was what they meant in talking about sovereignty, was not on.

Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexleyheath, *C) said President Alfonsin had* been opposed to the Falklands invasion and should be supported on that account.

It was wrong (he said) that one organ of Government, not the *Foreign Office, actively discouraged* Tory members of the European Parliament from meeting President Alfonsin on his recent visit to the Parliament, contradictory to all that *the Conservative Party stands for* and behaving like a squalid socialist council.

Mr Renton: We felt the European Parliament's invitation to President *Alfonsin* was inappropriate. (*Labour* cries of "Shame.") I repeat the word "inappropriate" bearing in mind that Britain, a Community member, does not have diplomatic relations with Argentina and there has not been a formal cessation of hostilities. So "inappropriate" is fair and reasonable.

Mr George Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, asked what was inappropriate about an invitation to the President of a republic which had kicked out the junta which invaded the Falklands.

Mr Renton said Britain had many times sought the kind of talks with Argentina that Mr Robertson had mentioned. It was Argentina, by insisting on talking about sovereignty, which had broken the formula agreed for the Berne talks.

New Bishop

The Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev David Edward Jenkins, was introduced.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill, second reading. **Lords** (3): Debate on occupational health and hygiene services.

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Hackney wrong to deny councillor access

Regina v Hackney London Borough Council, Ex parte Gamper

Before Mr Justice Lloyd

[Judgment delivered November 14]

Hackney London Borough Council had acted unlawfully by denying *the applicant, a Liberal councillor*, access to the meetings and the documents of direct labour organization (DLO) subcommittees in that they had failed to ask themselves the correct question, namely, whether the applicant had a need to know information in order properly to perform his duties as a councillor and by denying the applicant such access the council reached a decision that no reasonable council *could have reached on asking* themselves the correct question.

Mr Justice Lloyd so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division and granted an application *for judicial review* of decisions of the council brought by the applicant, Mr David Bernard Gamper.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr *David Pannick for the applicant*; Mr Robert Carnwath for the council.

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that in May 1982, the applicant was elected a member of the Hackney *London Borough Council for the* Moorfields ward of Shoreditch. The council consisted of 50 Labour members, seven Liberals including the applicant, and three Conservatives.

The applicant was now leader of the Liberal party on the council. He was a member of the housing services committee, and the public services committee. *He was also* chairman of the Shoreditch district housing committee, one of six district subcommittees of the housing services committee.

The council decided on June 1, 1982 to create three new subcom*mittees of the public services* committee. Two of them were charged with looking after the direct labour organizations employed by the council; one was to deal with *building works, the other* with engineering and transport.

The building DLO subcommittee was to exercise all the powers and duties of its parent committee, in relation to capital works, building maintenance and so on.

It was also to exercise the powers and duties of the parent committee *in considering* "all policy and operational matters relating to the building works labour organizations in their capacities as trading organizations, which of necessity *should remain confidential, in order* that they may operate effectively in competition with private contractors".

Standing orders made provision *for members* of council to attend committees and subcommittees and to inspect documents.

On February 9, 1984, the applicant wrote making a request to *be sent the committee papers of the* DLO subcommittees. He said he had a valid and specific reason for making the request as a member of the parent committee and as vice chairman (as he was then) of the Shoreditch district housing committee. *He did not receive any reply* to that letter.

His Lordship was asked to review the decision of the council to deny the applicant access to meetings and *documents of the DLO subcommittees.*

It was conceded that an amendment to one of the standing orders did not affect the applicant's right to *attend subcommittee meetings* if and to the extent that he had such a right at common law. Nor did it affect any right which the applicant might have at common law, or *under standing orders, to have* access to documents of the DLO subcommittees.

The question was whether the applicant did indeed have such *rights at common law or under* standing orders. If he did, then it was conceded by the council that he was being prevented from exercising those rights.

In R v Birminghan City D C. Ex parte O ([1983] 1 AC 578), the House of Lords held that a council member had a right of access to committee documents provide he *could show that he had a "need to* know". Where he was a member of the committee in question, he would generally be assumed to have such a "need to know". Where he was not a member, he had to show such a need. Idle curiosity was not enough.

What the House of Lords said about committee documents ap*plied equally to subcommittee* documents. The question in each case had to be whether the councillor needed to have access to the documents in question in order to carry out *proper* duties as a councillor. The applicant clearly had such a need in the present case.

The applicant *was* accepted to have a legitimate interest in the matters about which he had been inquiring in his letter namely, the backlog of empty flats and the slow rate of progress with repairs. It was said there were other ways of finding out about such matters

The applicant might be able to get some of the information he wanted by asking questions at council meetings. But that was only part of the problem.

The applicant's letter mentioned instances of a more general concern for the efficiency of the operation as a whole, and the quality of the supervision provided by the *DLO* management and the DLO subcommittees.

It could not be doubted that the applicant had a *legitimate* interest in such matters, not only as a member of the council but also, in particular, as chairman of the Shoreditch district housing committee, and as a *member of the housing services* committee, which was the parent committee of the DLO subcommittees.

The committee of which the applicant was a member *had* a residual responsibility for the matters delegated to the subcommittee, and was answerable in its turn to the council by virtue of its terms of reference. On that, if no other ground, he had demonstrated a "need to know".

The applicant could not perform his duties *properly or* effectively as a member of the council, or the public services committee, or as chairman of the Shoreditch district housing committee, without having access *to the agenda minutes* and *other* documents of the DLO

Assuming that the applicant had right of access to the documents at common law, was there any basis on *which the court could now* intervene?

The grounds on which a court would question an administrative decision were strictly limited. In reaching their decision *to* exclude the applicant from access to the subcommittee documents, the council had asked themselves the wrong question.

They *had* asked whether *the* proceedings of the subcommittee were confidential, which no doubt they were. What the council should have asked was whether, notwithstanding the confidential nature of the subcommittee documents, the applicant had a "need to know".

The council failed to take account of a relevant factor, indeed the most relevant factor of all; accordingly the decision to exclude the applicant *from access to the documents* fell to be quashed.

If the council had considered the applicant's individual need to know, the decision to exclude him was one *which no reasonable council* could have reached.

The very width of the prohibition showed conclusively that no reasonable council directing them*selves in accordance* with the principle stated in the *Birmingham* case, could have reached the *decision to exclude access to* all subcommittee documents.

His Lordship was satisfied that that the council asked the wrong question, and that no reasonable council would have reached the conclusion they did, properly directing themselves in law. But his Lordship was not prepared to ascribe any improper motive.

None of the cases, were *directly* concerned with attendance at a meeting as distinct from access to documents. Nor was anything said in any of the cases about the right to attend committee or subcommittee meetings. But there was no logical distinction between access to documents and attendance at meetings.

As in the case of access to documents, the answer depended on whether the councillor needed to attend the meeting, in order to perform his duties properly

Accordingly, the council's decision to exclude the applicant from subcommittee meetings had to be quashed.

Solicitors: Bates Wells & Braithwaite; Mr J. H. Byrne, Hackney.

J. Ennes and Co Ltd v Zanan Dredging and Contracting Co Ltd

Where a judge was considering exercising his inherent jurisdiction to impose a stay of proceedings, it was vital that all material *circumstances* were brought to his attention, the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Eveleigh and Lord Justice Stephen Brown) stated on November 6.

LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH said that if *further circumstances* later emerged, it was within the inherent jurisdiction of the court, and not necessarily the same judge, to take appropriate action, including lifting the stay.

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GENERAL SYNOD NCB attacked • Consensus need • Jobs initiative call • Policies challenged

Government lacks humanity, church leaders tell Synod

By Anthony Hodges and Sheila Beardall

The Government's handling of the economy and the mining dispute was attacked as lacking humanity by church leaders during discussion of a report on economics before the Church of England General Synod in London yesterday.

The Bishop of Durham, making his maiden speech to the Synod, and the Bishop of Lincoln called on the Government to change its policies on monetarism and unemployment.

The Synod applauded Canon Peter Boulton, of York, when he condemned the National Coal Board's industrial relations policy as old-fashioned, authoritarian, and calculated to upset the National Union of Mineworkers.

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev Simon Phipps, chairman of the Industrial and Economic Affairs Committee, called for a political initiative to tackle unemployment. The Government had had remarkable success in bringing down inflation. the side effect, which had not at first surfaced as a political issue, was severe unemployment, including long-term unemployment.

"I believe that it is not enough just to say, as the Government does, that the revival of the economy, on the basis of the greater efficiency they have engendered, will produce the jobs required to reduce unemployment", he said.

"I do not believe the pursuit of the free market can bear the full implication of our unemployment situation. So I believe a political initiative is also required as a new context in which a free market may do its work.

"Many people, including many of the Government's supporters, would see that initiative as including a judicious element of reflation by creating work in the infrastructure."

He said he also had in mind a new consensus about the future. That would be about a serious commitment to technical change and about social policies to prevent undue hardship for those groups which would have to adjust as a result.

It would be a consensus, he said, about exactly what sort of measure of paid work was likely to emerge and how to remunerate the thousands whose skills might not equip them for that work but who could do the work of a broadly social nature which cried out to be done.

"It would need to be a consensus about what sorts of work and working methods are likely to emerge", he said, "and about what sort of human and political issues this will raise in terms, not just of painful adjustment, but also of opportunity and hope."

The philosophy of a free market could be a useful economic tool, but it could not be made to symbolize a whole philosophy of life without doing damage, he said. Industrial relations had to take into consideration the nature of men and women and not just the levels of wages and prices.

"Most important of all", he said, "is, when a nation is unavoidably faced with making painful changes, that the Government should seek to build up as great a climate of confidence and mutual understanding as may be possible within which those changes will be the more easily able to be faced.

"This must surely imply some measure of consultation and common ground with, among other parties, the trade unions. The dilemma of any government which makes the freeing of the market a key priority is that the trade unions are seen as one of the monopolies which obstruct its aims. The climate of confidence therefore cannot be built", the bishop said.

This coming change would bring with it the danger of a division in society. While making the economy more efficient, it would alienate the long-term unemployed who would not be able to contribute to it or enjoy their due share of the common weal.

"When a society, a nation, an institution, an industry, pulls together and not apart", he said, "something new emerges within it which is for the common best."

The Bishop of Durham, the **Right Rev David Jenkins**, said that appeals for humane values, or concern for communities, or immediate responses to fears and sufferings, were liable to be dismissed as woolly as they ignored economic realities.

"We must therefore become a little more instructed about the alleged realities of economics", he said. "We are in danger of being told that the way we can love our neighbours is determined by economic realities."

There was an element of truth in that. If 30 per cent of our neighbours were unemployed, then a component of love for them would be facing up to the real possibilities of production, availability of resources, and other factors.

Humans were limited creatures with limited knowledge and good will, so it was not possible to be sure about our theorizing, modelling, and prescribing.

"Thus we have to face, and insist the public should face, the provisionality of our theories, including those about economic realities and the prescriptions we draw from them.

"If acting on monetarist principles steadily increases the number of the poor and makes the rich even richer then it must be challenged. It is no answer to say this is the only way forward," he said.

"This is as dogmatic as the claims of Marxist socialism about the necessity of the party to promote the good of the people so that bureaucratic inefficiency and totalitarian violence are both necessary and justified.

"The costs of any policy", he said, "are part of the grounds for judging it and, possibly, of opposing it. A faith about economics or about politics which insists that all sorts of social costs and personal sufferings are justified now 'because we are surely right' is a false faith verging on an idolatry.

"So, as Christians and worshippers of God, we have to be ready to engage in these economic and political debates."

Theories about economics had become the expression of a faith and of a way of dealing with people. Christians could not afford to leave that faith and that commitment uncriticized or unchallenged.

Mr Charles Green, St Albans, said the report had a dimension missing and that was of the individual as a consumer. The consumer was often left to last in all the theorizing and analysis that went on, but he or she deserved far greater priority in considering the workings of the economy.

Canon Peter Boulton, vicar of Worksop and Prolocutor of the Convocation of York, said the *Plan for Coal* policy had achieved a real collaboration between the Government, the coal board, and the mining unions. More than 300 pits had been closed by the Labour Government, but by negotiation and consultation and not by fiat.

So the introduction of an alien, harsh, old-fashioned, and authoritarian form of industrial relations with the advent of Mr Ian MacGregor was not only well calculated to upset the NUM, it also completely shattered the industrial relations policy of the board (applause).

There was premature retirement of many valued and experienced managers at all levels, dismissing those most likely to understand the real problems of the strike.

Out of that system there was now a confrontational type of industrial relations where the right of managers to manage was regarded as so vital that the police forces of the whole country must be mobilized to make sure it works.

He said the miners were bewildered and felt let down by the change of policy.

The sudden closure of Corton Wood after assurances and the investment of £15m produced a cynicism and smouldering anger anong the Yorkshire miners and the NUM generally which had to be assuaged before any dialogue could be resumed. He could not condone it but he was beginning to understand it.

If that was the type of thinking behind the coal board's industrial relations policy, than it had to stand self-condemned.

Canon Boulton added that the church must continue to ensure that moral ends were achieved by moral means. That applied as even-handedly to Mr MacGregor and the Government as to the union leaders.

The Archbishop of York, Dr **John Habgood**, welcomed the report as wise, balanced, and timely. He said that there seemed to be no real meeting point between the two political doctrines. One was based on the individual's entitlement to keep what he possessed and the other on the individual's right to a fair share in the distribution of wealth.

The flaw in both those theories was that each started with the concept of the individual in competition for a limited amount of goods. There was an individualism of the right and of the left.

What was lacking in both was precisely what the report made central, namely the notion of community and common good.

The Dean of St Paul's, the **Very Rev Alan Webster**, said far more sympathetic understanding was needed of the miners' strike and when it was over a degree of healing would be needed.

The future was going to depend on whether we had the ability and humanity to heal what was inevitably such a harsh process.

The report was accepted.




The Very Rev John Churchill, Dean of Carlisle (left), the Very Rev Alan Webster, Dean of St Paul's, and Canon Peter Boulton at the Synod (Photographs: Chris Harris)

New debate on women priests

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The General Synod is to decide today whether the time has come to implement its nine-year-old decision in favour of the principle of women priests. If the motion is carried, legislation altering the rules will be drafted, to be brought back for further debate next year and the year after.

Women priests have been ordained in the Anglican churches of Canada, the United States and New Zealand. But in Canada they are not found in about one third of the dioceses, and the United States in about 40 per cent, because of local opposition or for other reasons.

Women have been ordained in Hongkong and in parts of Uganda, where each bishop has been left to make up his mind. A number of other provinces of the Anglican Communion, such as Kenya, Wales and Australia, are moving slowly towards ordaining women.

The degree to which a decision in the Church of England will influence other Anglican churches varies considerably.

Any final decision, in a year or two, to approve new legislation, with the consequent first dramatic ordination of women in the Church of England, would have a powerful symbolic effect on the rest of the Anglican Communion.

Doubts on computer intelligence

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The idea that advanced computer systems will soon be able to think for themselves received something of a drubbing yesterday.

Yet the conviction that it will be possible to endow machines with thought is a view shared widely among psychologists and computer scientists. Furthermore, it is the belief spurring the spending of many tens of millions of pounds by governments in Japan, the United States and Europe, including Britain, in the race to build supercomputers for the 1990s.

There seems little doubt about the certainty of scientists and engineers working in this field. But their faith is not shared universally.

Cold water was poured on some of the current notions about artificial intelligence by Professor John Searle in the second of his Reith Lectures on BBC Radio 4, entitled "Minds, Brains and Science".

Professor Searle, a professor of philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley, is used to rebutting claims which attribute anthropomorphic qualities, like behaviour, to machines.

His target is what he calls the extreme view of articial intelligence, according to which the brain is just a digital computer and the mind is just a computer program.

In other words, the mind is to the brain as the program is to the computer hardware.

Searle's proposition rests on a simple logical truth: syntax alone is not sufficient for semantics, and digital computers, by definition, have syntax alone.

"Whereas consciousness, thoughts, feelings, emotions and all the rest of it involves more than syntax", he concludes.

He says the argument does not mean that amazing advances in computer science will not be forthcoming. He also expects human behaviour to be simulated on computers more effectively than at present.

Informer is jailed for 4 murders

From Richard Ford
Belfast

A "loyalist" informer who has implicated more than 50 people in alleged terrorist offences was given four life sentences at Belfast Crown Court yesterday for sectarian murders carried our while he was a member of the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force.

But Northern Ireland's Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lowry, said the four-time murderer must be given credit by the public for becoming a supergrass as, without his admissions, detectives would have been unable to connect him with most of the crimes.

John Gibson, aged 32, a painter, from east Belfast, who was also a battalion commander the UVF, was jailed for life and given sentences totalling 1,762 years to run concurrently after admitting the murders of four Roman Catholics, conspiracy to murder, causing explosions, possession of bombs and guns, and belonging to the loyalist terrorist organization. He admitted 143 terrorist charges but denied a durther 41.

Prison rules in Scotland 'out of date'

A call for prison rules in Scotland's penal establishments to be updated was made by the Inspector of Prisons in his annual report yesterday.

Mr Philip Barry said the rules under which penal establishments operated were some 30 years old and needed updating. "Many of the rules are anachronistic and have little relevance to today's needs".

One of the rules includes untried prisoners being allowed to have their own meals and an appropriate amount of drink brought into prisons. That dated back to 1952 when prison food was appalling.

He also complains that the conditions under which many remand and short-term inmates live are still unsatisfactory.

Euro Parliament's call on Commission to resign rejected as fit of pique

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

The European Parliament flexed its flabby political muscle yesterday and hit out at the 14 members of the European Commission. It was not immediately obvious whether it had hit its target or whether it had, in fact, hit itself.

It decided by two votes that the Commission had been guilty of incompetence in administering the Community budget during 1982. It then proceeded to vote in a budget for 1985 which would cost some £1,800m more than is allowed under existing EEC rules. Part of the extra money would go on a pay increase for MEPs.

In the 1982 argument, Parliament voted on a report drawn up by Mrs Bodil Boserup, a Danish Communist elected on an anti-EEC ticket. She complained that the Commission had failed to follow Parliament's budget amendments, that it had failed to sell Christmas butter, that it had administered food aid badly and that it had transferred money for the British rebate to the Bank of England before Parliament released it.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the Budget Commissioner, replied to each point in detail and accused Parliament of "the purest hypocrisy". Had the Commission followed members' demands it would have added another £1,500m to Community spending that year, he said.

Several MEPs argued that Mr Tugendhat at least should resign, but he made it clear afterwards that he would stay on for the remaining six weeks of his term, unless Parliament succeeded in passing a motion to censure the entire commission.

"What we are dealing with is the result of the continuing saga of resentments and ill-feelings that have been moved by the whole business of the British rebate," he said.

Mr Gaston Thorn, the Commission President, also refused to consider resignation. Parliament, he said, had chosen the wrong issue and the wrong adversary. It was venting on the Commission frustrations roused by the member states.

Mrs Barbara Castle, leader of the British Labour group, nevertheless called for the resignation of the commission. She quoted Mr Tugendhat's words in 1977, when he told Parliament that any commission censured in this way" would have to be replaced".

According to Mr Richard Simmonds, the Conservative spokesman on the report, Parliament had simply stamped its foot in a fit of pique. Nothing would come of the vote, and the only likely reaction from the Commission would be to say "how pathetic they are".

Parliament then lumbered into a vote on over 700 amendments to the 1985 budget, which has been approved by the member states. This budget uses up all the money available to the Community and yet is not large enough to cover more than 10 months spending. Parliament's aim is to send back to the council a budget big enough to meet all costs.

It is also trying to win back control over the way Britain is to be compensated over its budget contributions. This points to a head-on row with the Council, and could lead to a rejection of the 1985 budget at its second reading next month. Unlike the "fit of pique" over the 1982 figures, this rejection would create real difficulties, for the new Commission, which takes over next year.

● PARIS: A French communist businessman, M Jean-Baptiste Doumeng has won a $200m contract to sell 200,000 tonnes of Community butter to the Soviet Union, a spokesman for his Interagra organization said (Reuter reports).

Craxi makes it up with Kohl

From Peter Nicholas, Stresa

An appeal to President Reagan to use his massive electoral victory to seek the reopening of negotiations with the Soviet Union emerged from the German-Italian summit here yesterday.

The delegations were led by Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister.

Herr Kohl is due to leave for Washington in a fortnight where he will see President Reagan. He will take with him the views of European governments, including Italy's, about the need for stimulating negotiations with the Russians on peace and disarmament.

The two leaders agreed on the usefulness of exploiting what Herr Kohl referred to as a new political phase.

Meanwhile Signor Giulio Andreotti and Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the two Foreign Ministers, devoted their time in separate meetings almost entirely to Community matters.

They agreed on the need to complete negotiations for the entry of Spain and Portugal by the end of the year, so that the Italian presidency of the Community could open next year to face new and constructive requirements.

On the question of wine which, with fisheries, is a principal obstacle to the completion of negotiations, they agreed that Italy should open discussions with France, the other member most affected. The object would be to find an arrangement by which Spain and Portugal could be fitted into the Community framework.

It was also agreed that during the six months of the Italian presidency, particular weight should be placed on technological collaboration and developments.

Frequent references by both Herr Kohn and Signor Craxi to what they described as the excellent state of relations between the two countries were intended to mark the final end of a quarrel on Germany's future which had followed a remark made in September by Signor Andreotti on the continued existence of two German states.

● STRASBOURG: Spain and Portugal will have to wait until next week to find out if the EEC can offer them final terms (Ian Murray writes).

These were supposed to have been worked out during two hard days of negotiations in Brussels this week. Instead, the talks achieved nothing.

In consequence, EEC Foreign Ministers will have to return to the subject in Brussels next Tuesday to make a further attempt to sort out a common position on fruit and vegetables, fishing rights and wine.

The Nicaragua crisis

Battle training: Girl students in Managua learn to advance under fire as part of Nicaragua's anti-invasion alert

US flexes muscles in Honduras

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The United States is carrying out seven separate military exercises in Honduras in a deliberate attempt the show the left-wing Government in Nicaragua that, in the words of a Pentagon spokesman, "they should not have any designs on their neighbours".

Three of the exercises began the day after last week's Presidential election, a few hours after Administration officials had raised the scare about the possible delivery of MIG-21 combat aircraft to Nicaragua.

Although the scale of the manoeuvres is smaller than that of the massive "Granadero" exercise in Honduras earlier this year, there are now more US military exercises taking place on land and sea in Central American than at any time since the Reagan Administration took office.

They form part of a concerted plan to increase diplomatic and military pressure on the Sandinista Government. On Tuesday the Administration stepped up its war of words against Managua by comparing the situation following recent Soviet arms shipments to Nicaragua to the 1962 Cuban missile crisis and by suggesting that Nicaragua may be considering attacks against neighbouring Honduras or El Salvador.

Although American officials continue to deny that the US has any plans to invade Nicaragua or to interfere with arms shipment going to that country, they have, through a series of bellicose statements over the past few days, made it clear that the US is ready to resort to military action if it is felt that its security interests are threatened by Nicaragua's arms build-up.

US sources said that in recent weeks Nicaragua has received attack helicopters, surface-to-air missiles, fast patrol boats and subsonic aircraft.

The though language emanating from the White House and the Pentagon also appears to be directed as much at the US Congress as it is at the left-wing leading in Managua.

According to one congressional aide specialising in Central American affairs, the Administration is preparing the ground to press its case for a resumption of covert aid to the anti-Sandinista insurgents, known as "Contras", early in the New Year.

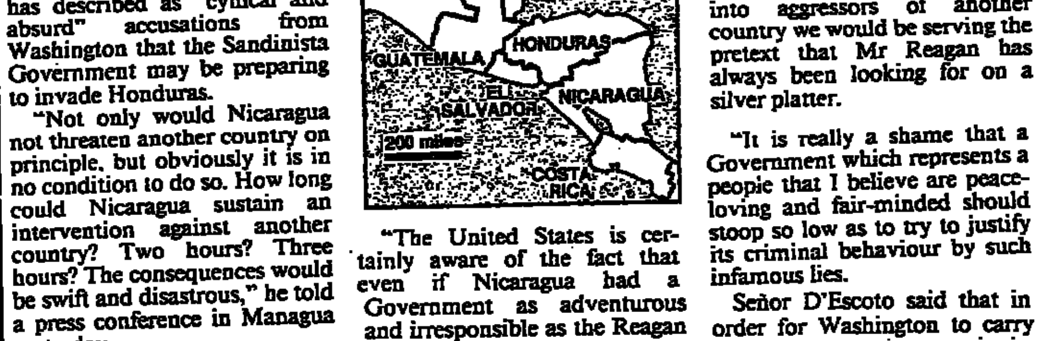
Shortly before it recessed in October, Congress approved $28m aid for the "Contras" for the current fiscal year, but stipulated that it could not be used unless Congress renewed its approvoal at the end of February.

The Administration wants to persuade congress to unlock this cash now.

Congress is in recess and it is hard to assess whether the Administration's drum-beating is having much impact. The aide said he doubted that it was, but there would probably be a sharp change of mood in Nicaragua were to take recipt of Migs

Managua denies it would ever invade

From Alan Tomlinson Managua



Father Miguel D'Escoto, the Nicauaguan Foreign Minister, has described as "cynical and absurd" accusations from Washington that the Sandinista Government may be preparing to invade Honduras.

"Not only would Nicaragua not threaten another country on principle, but obviously it is in no condition to do so. How long could Nicaragua sustain an intervention against another country? Two hours? Three hours? The consequences would be swift and disastrous," he told a press conference in Managua yesterday.

"The United States is certainly aware of the fact that even if Nicaragua had a Government as adventurous and irresponsible as the Reagan Administration we could not get away with it, so we cannot do it.

"We know quite well that if we were to take this type of action and transform ourselves into aggressors of another country we would be serving the pretext that Mr Reagan has always been looking for on a silver platter.

"It is really a shame that a Government which represents a people that I believe are peace-loving and fair-minded should stoop so low as to try to justify its criminal behaviour by such infamous lies.

Señor D'Escoto said that in order for Washington to carry out its own interventionist plans it had to demonstrate that Nicaragua was an inflexible country which could not coexist with its neighbours. Yet it was the US which continued to be "the only real obstacle to peace in central America".

● SAN JOSE: Liberal Nicaraguan opposition leaders in Costa Rican exile say they have evidence of and are opposed to plans for US military action against the Sandinista Government (Martha Honey writes).

Aides to Señor Arturo Cruz, the political opposition leader, and Señor Eden Pastora, the rebel leader said they flatly oppose any S military action

Bomb wave hits Chile despite state of siege

Santiago (Reuter) - Sixteen bombs exploded in seven Chilean cities in the first attacks since President Pinochet declared a state of siege throughout the country.

Three passers-by were injured when a bomb strapped to a lamp post went off in Rancagua. Two other bombs there damaged a newspaper office and a court.

In the capital, bombs shattered windows of two banks, an office, and a taxi. Concepcion, Curico. Valparaiso, Coronel and Vina del Mar also had bomb blasts.

Pretoria replies

Johannesburg – South Africa's reply to recent Angolan proposals to end the conflict in southern Angola and Namibia will be given to the United States in talks today in Pretoria.

Consulates go

Ottawa (Reuter) – Canada is to close its embassy in Burkina Faso and four consulates in New Orleans, Bordeaux, Birmingham and Rio de Janeiro. to save funds.

Seoul battle

Seoul (Reuter) – Riot police using tear gas besieged about 100 students occupying the offices of South Korea's ruling Democratic Justice Party to press demands for full democracy.

Chess rest

Moscow (Reuter) – Anatoly Karpov, the champion, called a time-out in his marathon world chess title battle against Gary Kasparov, postponing the start of the twenty-fourth game until tomorrow. Karpov leads 4-0.

Bourguiba up

Tunis (AP) - President Bourguiba of Tunisia, in hospital with a heart problem was allowed up for the first time in nine days.

Store gutted

Jakarta (Reuter) – The top nine floors of the 14-storey Sarinah's store, one of Jakarta's best known buildings, were gutted in the city's fifth big blaze in three weeks.

Pied-à-terre

Moscow (Reuter) – A five-storey block of flats near Sverdlovsk crashed in ruins just before the first occupants moved in because of shoddy construction, *Trud* reported. Five engineers were fined heavily.

Nato's 'macho posturing' denounced by Trudeau

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington



Mr Trudeau: Sharp attack on former colleagues

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the former Canadian Prime Minister, has delivered a stinging attack on Nato leaders, condemning them for "macho posturing" and deliberately avoiding discussion of the central questions of war and peace.

Accepting the Albert Einstein international peace prize, Mr Trudeau set out a number of proposals which Nato should consider, including renunciation of the first use of nuclear weapons after reaching agreement with the Soviet Union on conventional force levels; a moratorium on deployment of new American medium-rage missiles in Europe in return for equivalent Soviet reductions; and a ban on testing and deployment of anti-satellite weapons.

As Mr Trudeau spoke, the Pentagon announced that the United States had conducted the first test flight of an anti-satellite warhead launched from an F15 fighter. The test of the warhead, which was not aimed at a target satellite or any object in orbit round the Earth, ignored a Soviet call for a moratorium on testing such devices. Moscow immediately denounced it as another step towards militarizing space.

In a sharp attack on his former Nato colleagues, Mr Triudeau said: "I bear solemn witness to the fact that Nato heads of state meet only to go through the tedious motions of reading speeches drafted by others,

● BRUSSELS: Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, gave a warning yesterday that the alliance should not be dazzled by the "sex appeal" of new-technology weapons, thus neglecting basic defence improvements and changing its strategy (Reuter reports).

In a speech to parliamentarians at the North Atlantic Assembly, Lord Carrington defended Nato's adoption of a concept which envisages using futuristic conventional weapons to strike deep into Eastern Europe in response to a Warsaw Pact attack. But he emphasized that less fashionable basic defence needs such as improved ground facilities and artillery ammunition stocks were a priority.

Astronauts grab second satellite

From Mohsin Ali Washington

Shuttle astronauts yesterday completed a daring historic double by recovering the second of two wayward communications satellites. Satellites have never before been brought back to Earth for refurbishing and relaunching.

Astronaut Joseph Allen and Navy Commander Dale Gardner float out of the airlock shortly after 11am GMT as pilot David Walker parked Discovery 35ft from the Westar satellite in a repeat performance of Monday's recovery of the £35m (£27m) Palapa satellite.

Gardner used a jet backpack to fly to Westar, grab it with a specially designed grapple and guide it to the shuttle, where Allen helped him to secure it in the cargo bay. The triumph of the salvage mission was announced by Commander Frederick Hauck when he reported: "We have two satellites latched in the cargo bay."

Manoeuvering the 1,200lb payload was no problem in the weightlessness of space. Although man and machine were racing around the planet at 17,400 mph at an altitude of 224 miles.

Ground control woke the five astronauts, including a woman doctor, by playing the theme from the film, *For a Few Dollars More*. "That's a tribute to the day's activities, the capsule commentator in Houston told the astronauts as they prepared to complete their salvage.

Lloyd's of London has financed the operation hoping to recoup some of the $180m it had to pay Indonesia and Western Union when Palapa and Westar went into useless orbits after being launched in February.

Discovery is due to return to Kennedy Space Centre, Cape Canaveral, tomorrow after an eight-day mission and 126 orbits.

Lake yields Nazi cash

Vienna (Reuter) – Austrian soldiers yesterday hauled weapons and forged British banknotes from the deep Töplitzsee lake, where they were dumped by the Nazis, Interior Ministry officials said.

The salvage came after sightings by Herr Hans Fricke, West German biologist, who has been researching the lake with a mini-submarine.

He said he had vast numbers of forged Britis pounds in the lake, rocket fuel, bombs and a missile launch pad. "The propellors of our submarine churned up clouds of banknotes that floated past the window. It was really a shock to see this piece of history lying in the lake," Herr Fricke said.

Self-help drought fund proposed to OAU

Addis Ababa (Reuter- – Algeria called on African states yesterday to set up a fund to fight the devastating effects of a drought that has cut an arc of destruction from Senegal in the west to Kenya in the east and Mozambique in the south.

Algeria made the call at an Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit here. According to Ethiopia officials, some seven million people are threatened with famine.

Conference sources said the Algerian proposal was tabled yesterday morning and was being debated at a session devoted to Africa's worsening plight.

The United Nations Fod and Agriculture Organization (FAO) says that more than 30 countries in Africa need food aid, 26 of them critically, because of falling food output and drought.

Algeria also called for a fresh meeting of OAU foreign and finance ministers to speed up implementation of the organization's economic blueprint for the continent, the 1980 Lagos plans of action, the sources said.

This proposes creating an African common market by the year 2000 and plans to make the continent self-sufficient in food, something that seems a distant dream at present.

It also calls for more trade among African countries. At present less than 4 per cent of commerce on the continent is among African states. The rest is with the developed world, according to the International Monetary Fund.

The Algerian proposal said drought was the most urgent challenge and Algeria offered to donate the first $10m (£7.7m) towards the new fund. The African states would launch the fund and other countries could join later.

OAU's interim Secretary-General, Mr Peter Onu, lamented this week that per capita food output in Africa fell by 11 per cent between 1970 and 1980, while the population increased by 3.1 per cent in the same period.

Mr Adebayo Adedeji, a top African economist estimated African debts at $150 billion, delegates said.

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Britain to attend Australian A-test inquiry

Sydney (Reuter) – Britain is to be represented at an Australian inquiry into Britain's atomic test programme in the 1950s and 1960s, the inquiry commission was told yesterday.

Lawyers assisting the Royal Commission investigating the tests said Britain would also release and declassify a large number of documents on the tests.

The inquiry was set up by the Australian Government in July in the wake of widespread controversy over alleged effects of radioactive fallout

Cholera kills 700 in four countries

Dakar.–A serious cholera epidemic now afecting West Africa continues to spread (Susan MacDonald writes). Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger are badly hit and the epidemic has also spread to Senegal.

The first cases were diagnosed in June. It is estimated that up to 700 people have died so far. Last month, Mali's Minister of Health, Mr Ngolo Traore, appealed for international help.

In Senegal no official announcement has so far been made. However, it is known that there are cases in the north and east. Foreign embassies are advising immediate vaccination.

It is thought that the Ministry of health's reluctance to make an official announcement is due to a fear of panic among the population.

Tavellers from Mali speak of a steady increase in the number of cases and deaths, among them some Europeans.

Menaka's challenge to Rajiv

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi



Honoured memory: Mr Rajiv Gandhi and his wife Sonia paying their respects at the memorial to Mr Gandhi's grandfather, Pandit Nehru, on the ninety-fifth anniversary of his birth

The Indian opposition parties began the laborious task yesterday of getting their act together in time for the general election called for Christmas Eve.

A meeting of party officials sponsored by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Mr N T Rama Rao, decided to press for one opposition candidate in each seat to fight the Congress (I) Government candidates to avoid splitting the non-Congress vote.

At the same time Mrs Menaka Gandhi, the estranged sister-in-law of the new Prime Minister of India, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has said that in the Amethi constituency of Uttar Pradesh at least there will be only one opposition candidate. She said yesterday that all other parties had agreed that she should be that candidate. The Congress candidate there is Mr Rajiv Gandhi himself.

Mr Rama Rao had suggested a core grouping of six opposition parties to provide a focus for other parties, but yesterday's meeting at Andhra Pradesh House in Delhi concluded that there was insufficient time to create a formal alliance.

Instead the parties contented themselves with pressing for seat adjustments, and their statement gives up all idea of a joint approach to this,

Afterwards Mr P Upendra, the general secretary of Mr Rama Rao's party, Telegu Desam, said that the dominant party in each state would be expected to initiate the discussions. The parties attending included the Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Party of Chowdhury Charan Singh of Mr Sharad Pawar, and the opposition DMK party from Tamil Nadu, as well as Telegu Desam. Dr Farooq Abdullah from the Kashmir National Conference arrived late, but associated himself with the message.

The most significant message from the opposition however came yesterday from Chowdhury Charan Singh, though he was in Orissa giving encouragement to opposition groups there (his party does not have much following outside the central Hindi belt).

"While a coalition is inevitable if the opposition comes to power", his statement said, "its leader can be chosen only by democratic means. I have often said that I am not projecting myself as leader and I wish to reiterate this."

Man blamed for so-called natural disasters

By Tony Samstag

From the Ethiopian famine to the destructive *tsunami*, or tidal waves of the Pacific, so-called "natural" disasters are increasingly attributable to the works of man, according to a book published yesterday by Earthscan, the London-based environment and development information agency.

Noting that six times more people died from disasters during the 1970s than in the previous decade while the number of disasters increased by only 50 per cent, Earthscan concludes that "people are changing their environment to make it more prone to disasters, and to make themselves more vulnerable".

Poor countries are most at risk, and in many cases inappropriate aid and development policies formulated by Western countries are implicated.

On average 63 Japanese die in each "disaster" that strikes their country; the Peruvian equivalent is 2,900. "In 1974, a hurricane killed over 4,000 people in Honduras. A similar hurricane in Darwin, Australia, killed only 49," the book states.

It is based on a study by the Swedish Red Cross, which found, among other things, that for every disaster each year in Europe and Australia there are 15 in Asia and 10 in Latin America and Africa.

Ethiopia is a good example of how drought becomes famine because government policy – and war – have reduced the flexibility of people's response.

Even the drought itself was probably not inevitable: poor land use policies would have aggravated the effects of a drop in rainfall. And this is the second such famine in a decade.

Floods, the most rapidly increasing type of disaster, are almost certainly aggravated by tropical deforestation

Natural Disasters: Acts of God or Acts of Man? Earthscan, 3, Endsleigh Street, London WC1. 01-388 9541. £3.50 inc p&p.

Raison unhappy with Unesco

By Patricia Clough

Britain must maintain pressure for reform of Unesco, the United Nations scientific and cultural arm, or promises of better behaviour will not be kept, Mr Timothy Raison, the Minister for Overseas Development, said yesterday.

With rumours mounting that Britain is about to announce its withdrawal, Mr Raison said no decision had been made. He told a seminar ogranized by the British executive of the International Press Institute that the matter was being discussed and an announcement would have to be made in the "pretty near future".

Although Unesco's director-general, Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, and his administration had proposed reforms to reduce the politicization and improve the efficiency of the organization, "they have not achieved much ... we believe there is a long way to go".

Mr M'Bow's management had certainly changed its attitude "but the proof of the pudding has to be in the eating".

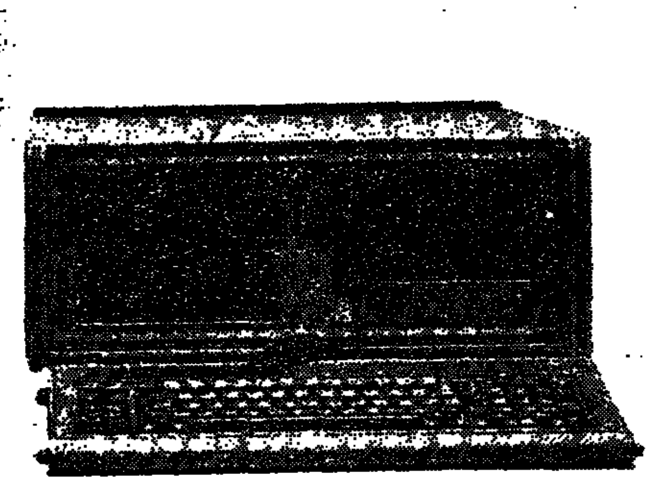
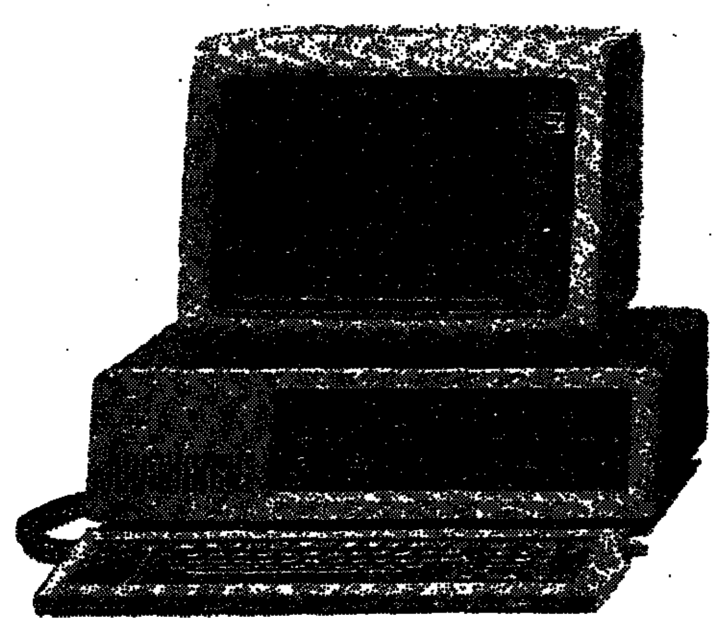
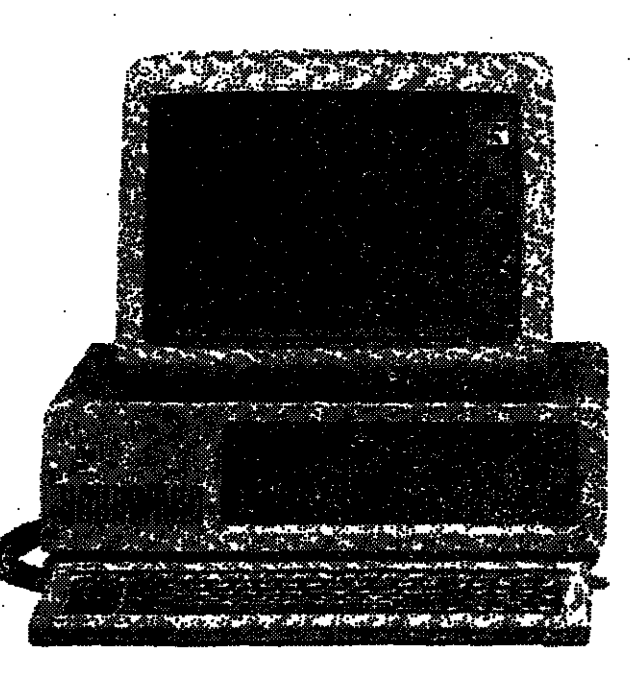
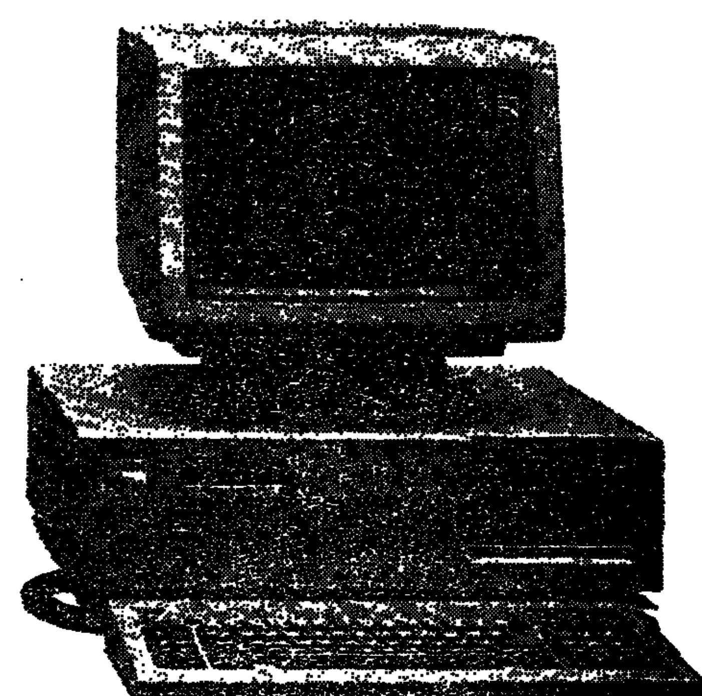
The Government would choose between two options. They could give notice of withdrawal, which would take effect after Unesco's conference in Sofia next October and could be rescinded if the results were satisfactory. Alternatively, it could stay in, continue to work for reform and revise its position after Sofia.

Mr Raison emphasized that Britain had not considered leaving because of the United States. Washington had acted on its own and had made little effort to persuade its allies to follow.

The Government had not tried to influence the Americans because "they have made up their mind to go at the end of the year and they are unlikely to change it".

The West German delegate to Unesco, Herr Alfred Vestring, said he was very happy at the prospect of British and US withdrawal. "When you are outside, you have lost your voice. You cannot improve anything," he said.

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Black clergy delighted by choice of Bishop Tutu for Johannesburg diocese

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Black Anglican clergymen reacted yesterday with undisguised jubilation to Bishop Desmond Tutu's appointment as the first black Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg. It was also welcomed by leaders of the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches.

Many white Anglicans, however, are believed to be unhappy about the choice of this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner whom they consider a "political priest".

Bishop Tutu, an outspoken critic of aparthied, was chosen by the annual synod of Bishops of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa, as the main Anglican Church here is called.

The diocese of Johannesburg is the most influential in the Anglican Church after that of Cape Town. The church's hierarchy in the Johannesburg area will now be entirely black as the two suffragan bishops of Johannesburg, responsible for the East and West Rands, are also Africans.

The Right Rev Timothy Bavin, the outgoing British Bishop of Johannesburg, who is due to leave South Africa for Britain on December 19 to take up the post of Bishop of Portsmouth, said he was "delighted to hand over the diocese into (Bishop Tutu's) keeping" and he had every confidence in his ability to do the work well.

Bishop Bavin was named in press reports here as being one of 10 mostly white bishops opposed to the appointment of so controversial a figure as Bishop Tutu. But he and other bishops have refused to discuss their preferences in public or the way their votes were cast within the synod.

The archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Philip Russell, who was chairman of the synod, declared: "What we were concerned about here was to find a man of God who would lead the diocese. We believe that under the spirit of God we have found him". He said he spoke for all 23 bishops attending the synod in saying they were very glad about Bishop Tutu's election.

The appointment of a successor to Bishop Bavin was first considered last month by an elective assembly, consisting of clergy of the diocese of Johannesburg and lay representatives chosen by local parishes, which was unable to come to a decision. The matter was then referred to the synod which is meeting throughout this week at a mission station near Ladybrand, in the Orange Free State.

According to the 1980 census, there are just over 1.6 million Anglicans in South Africa, accounting for 10.1 per cent of whites, 13.5 per cent of mixed-race Coloureds, 4.8 per cent of Africans and 1.1 per cent of Indians. It comes fourth in order of size after the Dutch Reformed, Roman Catholic and Methodist churches.

The Province of Southern Africa, which in addition to South Africa embraces Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Mozambique and St Helena, is one of more than 30 provinces within the worldwide fellowship of the Anglican communion.

Bishop Tutu, aged 53, was dean of Johannesburg – the first black to hold the post – from 1975 to 1976, and Bishop of Lesotho from 1976 to 1978. Since 1978 he has been general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

The stalled Israeli - Lebanese negotiations



Inspection tour: Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, with Israeli soldiers during a visit to troops in Lebanon

UN mediation saves pullout talks

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Intense mediation by United Nations officials has secured the planned resumption today of the suspended talks between Israel and Lebanon aimed at securing the withdrawal of the estimated 20,000 Israeli troops still based in southern Lebanon.

A brief announcement by the Lebanese Government that its weekend suspension of the talks had been lifted was followed by a statement from Jerusalem that three of the four Shia Muslim leaders arrested in southern Lebanon last Thursday, the day the talks opened, had been released.

The arrest of the four men, all members of the Shia Amal organization, was the main reason prompting the sudden halt in the military negotiations at Naqoura, the heavily guarded headquarters in southern Lebanon of the United Nations peacekeeping force.

Although neither side was willing to spell out exact details of the face-saving compromises (worked out with the personal assistance of Señor Perez de Cullar, the United Nations Secretary-General) Israel defence sources said last night that Mahmoud Fakih, the Amal leader in southern Lebanon, was still under interrogation.

There was conflicting information about whether his eventual release and possible expulsion from southern Lebanon was part of the deal arranged to permit the talking to resume.

But Israeli officers have described him as the figure behind many recent ambushes on their soldiers.

The new Israeli Government's desire to leave Lebanon was highlighted during the four-day suspension period by a further seven attacks on its men in Lebanon and the death of the 602nd soldier to be killed there since the 1982 invasion. He was Sergeant Mordechai Darai, aged 20, who was buried on Sunday in the Mediterranean resort of Nahariya.

The speed with which the Naqoura conference is being restarted was greeted with relief by Western diplomats.

Executions bring big fall in China crime rate

Peking (Reuter) – China's secretive Public Security Ministry held an unprecedented press conference yesterday to discuss a big crackdown on crime in which hundreds of people have been executed during the past year.

"In a country like ours with one billion people it is good to have some people executed so as to educate the others," Mr Wang Jingrong, the Ministry's spokesman, told foreign and Chinese journalists.

He declined to give figures for the total number of people arrested or executed. The London-based human rights group Amnesty International has estimated that at least 5,000 people have died, while some foreign jurists have put the figure as high as 10,000.

The anti-crime campaign was launched in August last year. Mr Wang said 70,000 offenders were handed over to the police by local residents in the first 12 months while 120,000 other law breakers surrendered voluntarily.

He said China's policy of dealing with crime by handing out harsh punishments had helped cut the crime rate from eight to five offences per 10,000 people.

For China's population of more than one billion, this meant a fall in the number of crimes reported from 800,000 to 500,000 a year.

The standing committee of the National People's Congress (Parliament) passed legislation extending extending the death penalty to a whole range of crimes including rape, embezzlement, smuggling, drug dealing and taking bribes.

Mr Wang blamed the rise in the crime rate before the crackdown on the continuing bad influence of the 1966-76 Maoist Cultural Revolution and the negative effects of China's recent opening to the outside world.

He said the number of rapes, murders and the general level of violence had reached such a level that the people had demanded decisive counter-measures.

Executions in China are by a bullet in the back of the head. Posters with a red tick at the lower left-hand corner announce the executions have been carried out and are displayed outside courts.

The death notices show that many offenders are young and unemployed. Some have been found guilty of murder but others are executed for sex or pornography offences or robbery with violence.



Mr Urban: "Kopps" will not be tolerated.

Warsaw to bar monitors of police

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

The Polish authorities issued official warnings yesterday to several leading dissidents and emphasized that it was illegal to set up groups to monitor and publicize cases of police brutality. Dissidents saw the move as paving the way for the arrest of members of the police-monitoring groups should they continue their activies.

Many human rights campaigners in Warsaw and Wroclaw were ordered to appear at municipal offices or the public prosecutor's office, shortly after the government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, had broadcast a warning that the new groups, known as Kopps (citizens committees against the ue of force), would not be tolerated.

At least ten of the Warsaw group – the poet Anka Kowalska, steelworker Lech Sokolowski, historian Jacek Szymanderski and literary historian Jan Jozef Lipski – appeared before the authorities yesterday.

Dr Lipski was asked, as he put it, "very sensible questions" about the proposed chairman of the Warsaw group.

"They then tried to hand me a document stating that the group was illegal," Dr Lipski said yesterday, "But I refused to take it. They told me it was illegal anyway, whether I accepted the official notice or not."

There are now three police monitoring groups – in Wroclaw, Cracow and Warsaw – set up as a reaction to the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko by secret policemen.

Anger at arrest of student leader

Johannesburg (AP) – Security police detained four more anti-apartheid activists yesterday including a national student leader and the head of a black trade union federation.

Hundreds of police and soldiers mounted an "anti-crime drive" in Tenkisa, a black township north-east of Johannesburg, for a second day. Police Lieutenant Henry Beck said from police headquarters in Pretoria. He said 78 blacks were arrested on Tuesday on charges of theft, assault and other offences during two and a half months of rioting.

The death toll since August reached 155, all blacks except for one three-week-old white baby, according to groups monitoring the unrest.

Lieutenant Beck confirmed the predawn detention of Miss Kate Philip, the president of the National Union of South African Students, and of Mr Phiroshaw Canay the general secretary of the Council of South African Unions.

Miss Philip, a white student at the University of Cape Town, has been president of the Student Union for two years. The union represents students at all the main white universities in the country, and has been an outspoken critic of the white-minority government's apartheid system, which deprives the country's 22-million black majority of citizenship rights.

The latest detentions prompted widespread criticism from opposition MPs, trade unions, student groups and businessmen. "Grabbing the leaders of organizations that are perfectly lawful and locking them up under section 29 (of the Internal Security Act) solves nothing," Mrs Helen Suzman of the Progressive Federal Party said.

Anti-Marcos mayor shot dead

From Keith Dalton Manila

One of the Philippines' most colourful opposition leaders, Mr Cesar Climaco, mayor of the southern city of Zamboanga, was shot dead yesterday by an unknown gunman, military officials said.

The 68-year-old mayor died after he was shot in the head as he inspected damage to a nightclub and ten houses which burnt down during the night. The assassin, who darted from a group of 50 bystanders, escaped.

Zamboanga, 680 miles south of Manila, was sealed by troops and police. Roadblocks were erected and armoured personnel vehicles roamed the streets.

In Manila, President Marcos expressed shock and ordered the acting chief of staff, Lieutenant General Fidel Ramos personally to conduct the investigation.

Four people were arrested for questioning. The killing brings to more than 70 the number of local government officials killed since January.

Mr Salvador Laurel, president of the 12-party alliance Unido, said a pattern appeared to be emerging to kill leading critics of the Marcos Government, although he declined to speculate about who could be behind Mr Climaco's murder.

A vocal and eccentric critic of the president, Mr Climaco spurned bodyguards

Boost for minor parties worries Hawke

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

ELECTIONS

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime minister, yesterday appealed to Australians not to waste their votes on December 1 by backing the recently formed Nuclear Disarmament Party.

His call came after an opinion poll published in the Bulletin magazine showed that support for the party in the Senate vote had climbed from 3 per cent to 8 per cent, almost all Labour officials are concerned at the poll which indicates that 20 per cent of the electorate will vote for minor parties in the Senate. Mr Hawke's intervention is an indication of government concern at the possibility of the Labour vote being diluted by minor parties.

Mr Hawke said that a vote for the Nuclear Disarmament Party was a wasted one "in that ultimately it is only governments which can make decisions and use influence in international forums."

He went on: "And I want to say to people in Australia who are concerned passionately about this issue, as I am, that my Government has done more in the period it has been in office, since the beginning of 1983, to constructively advance in international forums the issues of disarmament and peace than any previous government in this country and, I would assert, more than any other government in the world."

Detentions upset Zapu chief

From Jan Raath Harare

Zimbabwe has detained under its state of emergency laws three senior officials of the opposition Zapu Party, Mr Joshua Nkomo, Zapu's President said here yesterday.

At a press conference at his Harare home, Mr Nkomo said the Central Intelligence Organization had arrested the three at the southern border town of Beitbridge on Saturday, the day after guerrillas shot dead a Government senator there.

Mr Nkomo said the three were Mr Norman Zikhali, the Secretary for Youth, Mrs Evelyn Masuku, the Deputy Secretary for Organization, both members of the party's national executive committee, and Miss Molly Ndlovu, a member of the central committee, the body subordinate to the national executive. Government confirmation was not forthcoming.

Mr Nkomo also used the press conference to suggest that the ruling Zanu (PF) Party had engineered the killing of Senator Moven Ndlovu.

Officials are seized in Mafia drive

From John Earle Rome

An official at the headquarters of the Bank of Sicily and another in the regional government's Department of Agriculture were the latest to be arrested yesterday in the current drive against the Mafia sparked off by the confessions of the turncoat former boss, Don Tommaso Buscetta.

The authorities are using his evidence to concentrate on the financial ramifications of the transatlantic drugs and crime organization. The two officials were involved in the grant of a concessional loan of 1,319 million lira (£575,000) to two heads of a "family" for improvements to a large farming estate.

The investigations have reached people hitherto considered to be untouchable. On Monday police detained two cousins, Signore Nino and Ignazio Salvo, among the richest men in the island, on charges of involvement with the Mafia.

Until 1982 they held the Government's concession to gather taxes in most of Sicily and were allowed a commission of nearly 7 per cent.

The investigators say they have evidence that Don Buscetta, then a fugitive from justice, was sheltered at a seaside home of theirs outside Palermo for Christmas and New Year four years ago.

Signor Giuseppe Cascio, Christian Democrat mayor of Salemi in western Sicily, was also arrested yesterday. His arrest follows that of the former Christian Democrat Mayor of Palermo, Signor Vito Ciancimino, from whom anonymous bearer bonds worth eight billion lira (£3.5m) and the title deeds of 40 flats have been sequestrated.

Greek editor charged with embezzlement

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Thanasis Popotas, publisher and editor of the pro-government Athens daily, Eleftheri Gnomi (Free Opinion), has been arrested on charges of financing his newspaper with embezzled funds.

Eleftheri Gnomi was first published in 1983 as a morning newpaper which soon became the ideological mouthpiece of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (pasok), the party of Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister.

Although ministers and party officials were frequent contributors, its circulation remained low, even by Greek standards. The company ran into financial trouble when Mr Popotas launched an ambitious afternoon stablemate which was forced to close.

The public prosecutor ordered him to be remanded in custody on Tuesday, pending trial on charges of instigating the embezzlement of £380,000 from the National Bank of Greece by one of its tellers, Mr Spyros Lindovois, who was also the newspaper's public relations consultant.

Mr Lindovois is in prison awaiting trial, but Mr Popotas, who is also a businessman, claimed he was unaware that the loans to finance the newspapers, had been purloined from the bank.

Eleftheri Gnomi after closing for three months, has reappeared as an afternoon tabloid. It claims to have a daily circulation of 1,300 in a city of 17 daily political newspapers.

Nakasone hopes US trip will defuse tension

From David Watts, Tokyo

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, will fly to see President Reagan early in January to try to stave off what Japan fears will be a new period of friction with the United States. Mr Nakasone is expected to leave on January 2 for talks on the west coast before the President appoints his senior policy-makers.

The rising American trade deficit with Japan, which is expected to reach $30 billion (£23 billion) this year, will be discussed, as well as East-West relations and the prospects for disarmament talks with the Soviet Union.

Mr Nakasone will be accompanied by the Foreign Minister, Mr Shintaro Abe, who will discuss US-Soviet relations, the Middle East and bilateral issues with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, whom the Japanese expect to retain his office.

Throughout the US election period, trade frictions with Japan and the unwillingness of the Japanese to press the buildup of their military power at a speed suitable to the Americans were always in the background.

President Reagan was loath to draw attention to what might be construed as a foreign policy failure and, although many Japanese feared it, the "get tough with Japan" line never caught on. But his huge victory may strengthen protectionist sentiments in the US many Japanese fear.

Mr Abe has urged both countries to prevent the "squeeking" in the economic relationship from turning into a confrontation.

The question of the Japanese defence buildup, which has been on ice since the President's visit just over a year ago, is likely to become an important point of discussion again, now that the election is over. The growing trade deficit provides perfect ammunition for those who want Japan to do more in its own defence.

The director-general of the Defence Agency, Mr Koichi Kato, said Japan would seek to increase defence spending by 7 per cent in 1985, but that level is unlikely to satisfy US appetites.

Greeting the faithful: The Pope welcoming a group of nuns at his weekly Vatican audience.

Belgrade Six at mercy of power struggle

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

As the trial of six Belgrade intellectuals proceeds it is becoming apparent that for all the apparently correct conduct of the case the verdict depends on the outcome of a larger political battle.

It is being fought within the leadership between the moderates and those who believe that in the present national difficulties the party must not tolerate dissension of any kind.

Six defendants have now pleaded in court, all of them denying the charges and some of them refusing to answer questions unless elementary evidence is offered for the claims that they have been meeting "illegally" and thereby engaging in "counter-revolutionary activities" designed to undermine the regime.

An indication that the leadership is now setting the scene for a predetermined verdict came in a letter from the Yugoslav Central Committee to the rank and file of the party. It painted a dramatic picture of pressure being exerted on Yugoslavia by enemies at home and abroad – not excluding the Western media which are accused of using the trial in a campaign to do Yugoslavia harm.

Party members are warned of the necessity for greater vigilance in face of enemies; and in this connexion the six Belgrade intellectuals are singled out as especially dangerous "counter-revolutionaries".

There are other reasons for concern. The letter confirms that there were troubles at Belgrade University last week when prices for food and dormitories were increased and the students protested by refusing to eat the meals. The prices were quickly brought down again. The incident shows that in the present situation where inflation has galloped ahead this year to more than 50 per cent and unemployment stands at one million, disturbance can easily erupt.

● Mr Milan Nikolic, the sixth intellectual charged with conspiracy, told the court yesterday that he had never attended an illegal meeting in his life

He echoed earlier statements by his five co-accused that the indictment lacked any logical basis. "There is no evidence or description in the indictment of what criminal offences I am supposed to have committed. In all my life I have never attended an illegal meeting."

Ultimatum hangs over new Cyprus session

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

The Turkish Cypriot community celebrates the first anniversary of its unilateral declaration of a state in northern Cyprus today, its differences with the Greek Cypriots no nearer resolution and the division of the island taking on an air of finality.

Despite two rounds of United Nations sponsored proximity talks, the Cyprus impasse continues to defy all attempts at peacemaking. When President Kyprianou and Mr Rauf Denktas, the leader of the Turkish community, gather here later this month for a third session, it will be with an ultimatum hanging over their heads.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, who is acting as go-between, has declared this round the final one – an extraordinary statement by someone whose job it is to pursue settlements unrelentlessly, but it illustrates the degree of frustration surrounding the mediation effort. It is fair to say the UN officials are exasperated by what they view as intransigence on both sides.

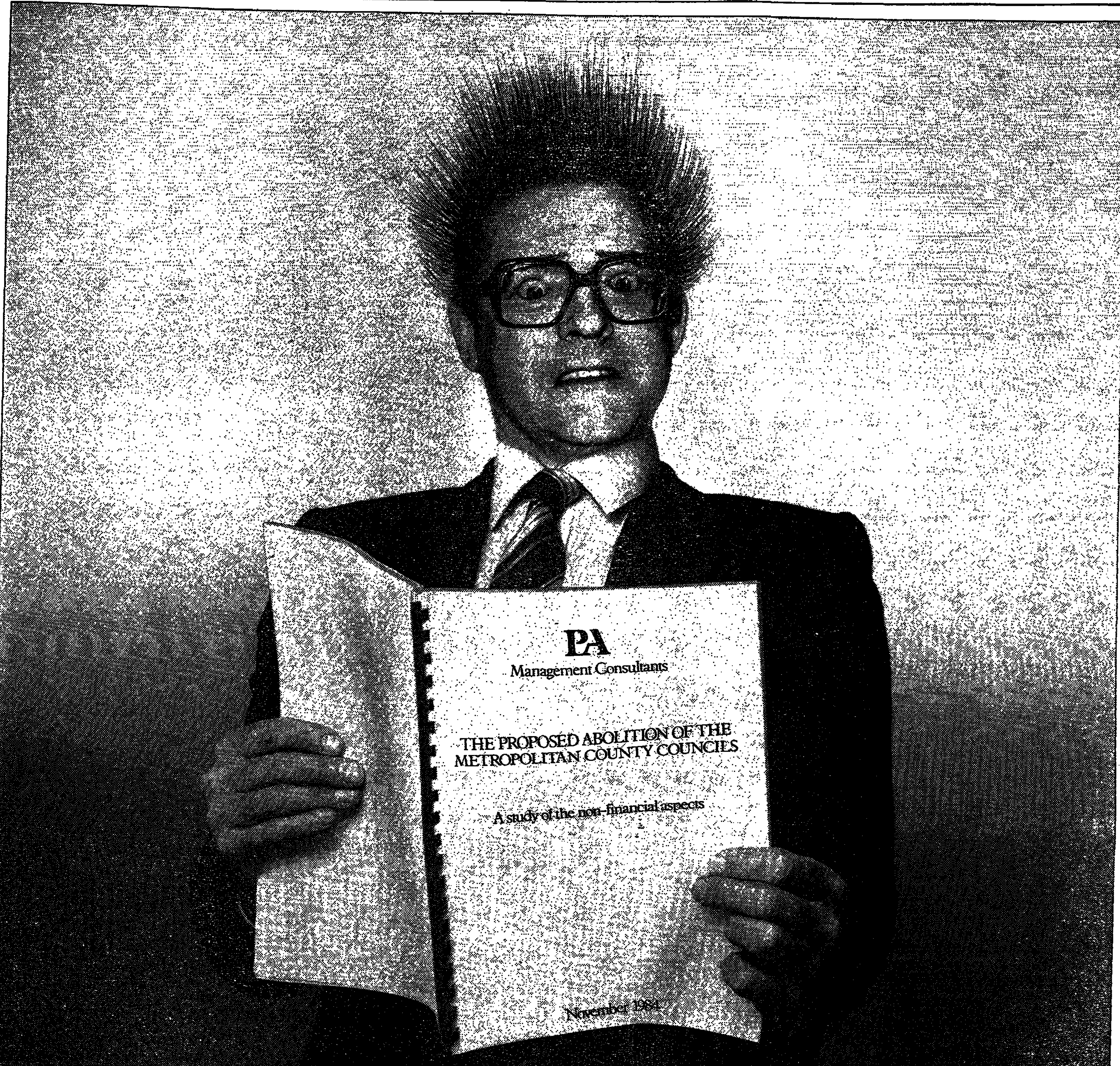
As in previous rounds, the third will centre on the Secretary-General's comprehensive peace package which envisages an agreement by stages. The first sets out confidence-building measures, such as a moratorium on the north's secessionist measures and the return of seven zones, including the resort town of Varosha to an interim UN administration.

Next is the establishment of an interim Government with technical teams to strike a constitutional balance and operate foreign and finance ministries. The final stage would involve an agreement on the powers of the central Government, the ultimate decisions on territory and resettlement, and the presence of the Turkish occupying army in the north.

The plan works on the premise that Turkish Cypriots hold most of the cards. Any solution will require most of the politically painful concessions from the Greek Cypriots

UN officials say the peaceful situation on the ground leaves little impetus for a settlement. Each side is looking for the other to make the dramatic overtures as testimony of good will.

Failure of the proximity talks could prompt a crisis when the mandate of the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus comes up for renewal on December 15, and Turkish Cypriots insist on dealing with the force on their own terms. The UN soldiers have helped to maintain the 10-year ceasefire between the Turkish Army and the Greek Cypriot national guard.



THE P.A. MANAGEMENT REPORT: OUT NOW.

When Kenneth Baker was unexpectedly thrust into the limelight as the Government's replacement abolition minister, he had the unruffled air of a man who knew what he was talking about.

But, after less than three months in his unfamiliar, high-profile role, Mr Baker has already begun to look less than sure about his new high-risk portfolio.

And this week, his arrogant complacency is being put to the test, with the publication of a new independent study into the Government's abolition plans by internationally renowned P.A. Management Consultants.

Asked to analyse the Government's repeated assertion that abolition of the metropolitan county councils, **"will bring benefits to the users of local services because the councils responsible for those services will be more accessible and responsive to their needs"** P.A. applied the same methodology they have successfully used time and again when reviewing the organisational structure of major private sector clients.

Their verdict? **"We have been unable to find a single service where the quality of service to the local elector is likely to be improved as a result of the change in structure. In many cases, we believe there will be a marked decline in quality."**

But lower standards of service are just one consequence of the Government's ill-conceived proposals to interfere with local authority services in the major conurbations. During the next week or so, before the Government's main abolition bill is introduced to Parliament, Mr Baker should consider some of P.A.'s other findings.

"It is apparent that the Government accepts that most major metropolitan county council services, including all the major ones, need to be carried out at county rather than district level."

"Full responsibility is only being passed to metropolitan district councils for a few, relatively minor services. This is far from being a straight-forward 'streamlining' of the existing structure."

"Countywide co-operation and co-ordination will be much more difficult than at present, and much energy will be expended merely to obtain some degree of co-ordination rather than on maintaining the standard of service provided."

"The new structure will also be less accountable to local people than at present.... the substantial and increased role for central government means an inevitable loss of local accountability and increased centralisation of decision-making."

"Both increased complexity and reduced accountability will tend to reduce service quality. We do not believe that voluntary joint arrangements are likely to create as effective a means of providing a specific local service as the present structure. In many cases they will quickly break down."

"The central weakness of the new structure lies in its failure to provide as effective a method of resolving inevitable conflicts. Instead, the proposed structure will tend to institutionalise conflict."

Powerful arguments, based on more than four months of intensive research and studies by P.A.

The question is: Will Mr Baker try to ignore P.A.'s findings, just as his predecessor, Patrick Jenkin, spent his last six months as local government minister pretending that he had never heard of Coopers and Lybrand.

(It was they, of course, who earlier this year produced the devastating independent report on the likely financial implications of abolition.)

Coopers found, after extensive investigations, that rather than save metropolitan ratepayers up to £120 million a year, as Mr Jenkin claimed, abolition could cost those unfortunate ratepayers an additional £60 million per annum.

Significantly the Government has not seen fit to justify its own proposals. Because it knows full well what the outcome will be.

Which perhaps is why, even now – just a few days before its main bill is due to appear – ministers and their civil servants have still not produced any evidence to support their dubious claims.

And why P.A.'s report concludes: **"We believe there is little doubt that if the proposals are enacted in their present form, Parliament will be considering further changes to the metropolitan local government system within the next decade."**

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Abbeyfield

This year marks the Silver Jubilee of the Abbeyfield Society, a movement which prides itself on being the country's largest provider of shared housing for the elderly.

At this moment, there are 561 Abbeyfield local societies, who between them have bought, or built and now operate, 888 family-sized houses, each with a resident cook/housekeeper, and each spelling home to seven or so residents, 6,800 people in all.

But these figures may already be out of date, for such is the momentum of the Abbeyfield movement that a new society is affiliated to the national headquarters in Potters Bar, or a new house opened, at the rate of about one a week. Were funds not so short in this Jubilee Year, the Abbeyfield movement would be expanding twice as fast.

The Abbeyfield Society, whose patrons are the Prince of Wales, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Pritchard, takes its name from a road in Bermondsey where the founders of the first local society met in the late 1950s.

The idea behind that society, as behind all the autonomous local groups affiliated to the national society, is that people should help their older neighbours, those who are "neither willing nor able to live alone".

Mr Noel Burdett, the national chairman, says the typical Abbeyfield resident is "far from wanting full care in a residential home, but beyond being abe to shop and cook in a sheltered flat or in his or her own home".

Home from home success that began in Bermondsey

The Abbeyfield Society is the largest provider of shared housing for the elderly who are no longer willing or able to live alone.

Ross Davies writes on the society's first 25 years

The chairman of the national society's development committee, Brian Walsh Atkins, say: "If you can imagine the dilemma of the old person who has only those two choices, an independence hard to sustain or a degree of care that is obtrusive and far more than is required, there is an enormous gap.

"It's the gap we're in, and we're the only people who are."

The average age of an Abbeyfield resident is about 80. Women outnumber men by more than national average. This, says one Abbeyfield volunteer, is because "when one of an old couple dies, if it's dad who dies, mother is usually better able to cope for herself, or the daughters think so – and may not want her in the kitchen.

"If it's dad who's left, he has to be taken in by the family because he isn't trained to look *after himself*".

Each Abbeyfield resident has a bed-sitting room of his or her own. This is furnished with the possessions they bring with them, in order both to be homey and so that no two rooms need look alike. Each room has a sink-unit, kettle and electric ring so people can make their own breakfast and hot drinks, although lunch and supper are eaten in a communal dining- cum-sitting room. Besides the resident cook/house-Keeper's flat, most Abbeyfield houses also have a *guest room*.

As important as the mixture of privacy, company and care in each house is the philosophy undelying Abbeyfield. This proclaims that the residents are not some colony planted in the district, but as far as possible a collection of local people now able to lead the life of the area *more fully*.

Local volunteers also form the steering committee that fund each venture, as do those who sit on the executive committee which manages the affairs of the local society, the house committee which manages the day-to-day life of the house, and the Friends' committees which raise funds.

Abbeyfield organisers tend to be older professional people, but not all of them are. The local society in Bangor, Gwynedd is run by the student's union of the University College of North Wales.

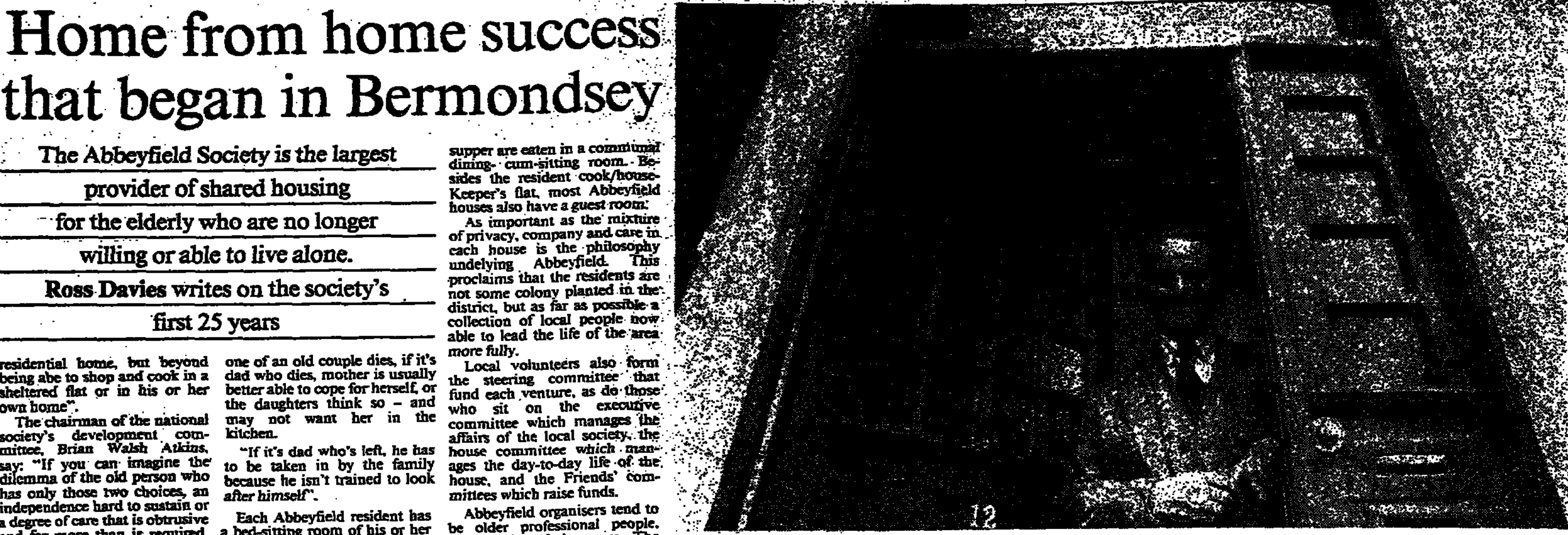
Residents pay an average depending on room size, of £50 a week all found, more than the old age pension, but the DHSS is happy to provide the rest, if necessary. "We have evolved the cheapest way of housing old people, whether in capital or revenue terms, that anybody has yet invented", says one volunteer.

So far, costs have been kept this low for two reasons. One is the vast amount of time and skill provided free by the volunteers, perhaps 10,000 of them, whether at local regional or national level. The other is that, until this year, local societies did not have to pay high interest rates to acquire, build or *rehabilitate houses*.

In the early days, houses were financed by local authority mortgages, many of them now paid off. The movement's expansion was threatened when, about ten years ago, house prices and interest rates went up very rapidly. But at about the same time, the Housing Act 1974 came to the rescue, with a system of grants routed through the Housing Corporation and *local authorities*.

Ten years on, however, history is repeating itself, and so *far no saviour is in sight*. Government cuts on Housing Act finance have reduced the grants paid to Abbeyfield societies from £6.7m in 1983/4 to £4.5m in 1984/5. This is enough to fund less than half the 100 of so Abbeyfield projects local groups want to start.

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This is the Abbeyfield welcome . . . from Christopher Buxton, president and a founder member of the Society, at the **Chiswick home in West London.**

Happiness is an Abbeyfield-shaped room for Mrs Mary Jones: "I hated living alone."

For one woman, the days of loneliness are over

"I still feel as if I'm at home – there's that sort of atmosphere about it."

"It" is one of two adjoining houses operated by the local Abbeyfield society in Bromley, a London commuter suburb 16 minutes by train from Victoria station.

It has been "home" since the purpose-built house was opened (by Countess Mountbatten) in January for Mary Jones, who is 82, a retired primary school head teacher and a widow without children.

Before that, home for Mrs Jones had been a retirement flat in Worthing. She is an active, lively woman and in Worthing she had friends, visitors and interests. The arthritis in her *knee grew worse, but on the* scale of human misery in present-day Britain, there are many far, far worse off.

Mrs Jones, who is an acute and reasonable woman, would be the first to acknowledge this – except that it is of little comfort if you're deeply lonely.

"I've lived on my own since *1960. I hated living on my own*, loathed it from the first day," she told me.

She heard of Abbeyfield through a nephew who is a committee member, and says of her new home. "You can go away from here, and when you come back, everyone greets you, everybody's so glad to see you – we go to each other's rooms and have a chat if we feel lonely."

The two elements vital to the happiness of the household, Mrs Jones said, are the right live-in cook/housekeeper, and a group of residents able to give and take.

The choice of residents and of *cook/housekeeper* alike is the responsibility of the house committee, a group of outsiders whose chairman is Mrs Jean Ross, a housewife married to a local architect.

"We have to turn down a lot of people who write to us because they will leave it to the last minute, and then they're *either too old or too ill.*"

A common reason for this delay is that is that however lonely *someone* gets, he or she finds it very hard to give up their own home.

"It is very traumatic, but once they come here, and get over that hump, they don't have to worry if the tiles are falling off the roof or the tap needs a new washer."

The person most important in seeing the newcomer over the hump, Mrs Ross continued, is the cook/housekeeper.

In the house where Mrs Jones and her nine fellow residents *live, this is Mrs Peggy Tilley*, who also lives on the premises, where she has a four-room flat.

"One of the main things you need in this job is a sense of humour," she said. Old people are usually very miserable when they've just given up their homes."

Mrs Tilley brings with her not only a sense of humour, *but* her skill as a professional cook – much valued by Mrs Jones and *her friends. But the executive* and house committees prize above rubies and experience she brings from her previous appointment, for she was the resident at Bromley's first house, opened three years ago.

A sense of humour is something that the founder-chairman of the Abbeyfield *(Bromley) executive committee* was struggling to regain the day I called.

The Rev Brian Ash, vicar of St Augustine's, Bromley Common, said: "I'm a very sad man today; I'm *just about to lose our* third project because the Government won't play ball."

He explained that an Abbeyfield sympathiser was prepared to sell an ideal house to the society at a price less than that being offered by a property developer.

The society's proposals and the necessary grant had been approved by both the Department of the Environment and by the *London Borough* of Bromley. But now the local anthority was renaging in response to the Government's request for "voluntary" restraint on capital spending.

It now looks as if a lot of time, trouble, money are going to be wasted and old people's hopes were about to be disappointed, and the house is likely to go to the property developer.

"We could fill that house twice over, tomorrow," said Mr Ash.

This is without doubt the biggest "hump" Mr Ash and his executive committee have had to get over, but it is by no means the first.

His first contact with the Abbeyfield movement came about ten years ago, when he and his wife moved to Bromley and to a house too small to accommodate both them and Mrs Ash's mother. She, however, *was offered a place by a* long-established Abbeyfield in the neighbouring district of Beckenham.

Mr Ash then decided to spread the Abbeyfield gospel to Bromley, a bold move in 1973/4 when house prices, mortgage rates and building costs were skyrocketting.

Nonetheless, under the Housing Act of 1974 grants began to replace mortgage finance. Mr Ash *formed a steering* committee of local professional people and in due course a *sympathiser offered them* their first house, a detached property with enough room for seven bedrooms and a flat for the housekeeper.

The property also had a garden big enough to contain a second, purpose-built house. The committee was able successfully to apply for a grant to convert the first property, opened three years ago, and to build the second.

It took Mr Ash and the committee eight years' work, many fruitless searches for suitable premises, several gazumpings and sacked builder to open the first house.

Yet, he says, "When people come into an Abbeyfield house and they're reasonably fit and active, they live longer, stay *healthier – and much happier.*"





Residents of the Abbeyfield House in Bromley. Left to right: Vi Colwell, Hilda Durno, Dolly Mills, Trudy Mills, Hilda Sutton, Peggy Tilley (cook/housekeeper), Mary Jones, Daisy Edwards and Nelly Godfrey



Tim Leigh, smiles at the thought of being the "forbidden" gardener at Bromley

Why more volunteers are needed to give the personal touch

Ask an Abbeyfield worker which commodity is needed most and the answer is likely to be either "money" or "help".

It was while discussing which volunteer workers are needed most with Mrs Joan Ross, who is the chairman of the Abbeyfield (Bromley) house committee, that her point was suddenly made for her.

"He's a naughty boy," Mrs Ross said, looking through the window of the resident's lounge and into the garden, where an old man was cleaning up a clump of dahlias.

"You see him holding his back?" she said. "He's been forbidden to work in the garden. He's supposed to be seeing a specialist this week."

'An awful lot of jobs'

This "boy" is a resident of one of the two Bromley houses, an 84-year-old widower and former postal worker, Mr Tim Leigh.

Mrs Ross made as to go out into the garden and tick him off, but Mr Leigh now straightened up and made his way slowly into the house.

I joined him in his room, and asked him why he had ventured out into the garden.

"There's an awful lot of jobs," he said. "I've got some primulas to split up because they're taking up too much room in the rockery, and the wind's blown some of the dahlias sky-high."

Mr Leigh told me that in the three years he had been living in the Bromley Abbeyfield, the garden had been his speciality but for the last three months he had found the going harder.

There wasn't the money to employ a gardener, and while a member of the committee came around to do the really heavy job of mowing and rolling the large lawn, there just weren't enough volunteers around to take the strain off Mr Leigh. He ached if he did the work, and chafed if he didn't. Talking once more to Mrs Ross, the house committee chairman, it became clear that in Bromley as with other Abbeyfields, the big volunteer shortage is not of organizers (or what one national official calls "professional committee people") but of what could be called "the personal touch."

Because Abbeyfield residents tend to be livelier and less withdrawn than less fortunate people of the same age, they value outside contacts all the more.

This is so, even though family and friends visit from time to time. The day I arrived, for example, the fitter residents were waiting for the arrival of a minibus driven by Dennis Kendall a volunteer helper, who is a retired headmaster prepared to take everybody to Sheffield Park for the day.

Mr Ross said "There are lots of things I can think of that people could voruntеer for, just occasionally."

'Nice to sit and talk'

She spoke of the sort of resident who, while mentally as active as ever, might nonetheless be forced by illness to spend long periods in her room "bored out of her mind by the inactivity."

"How nice to have someone to come here once in a while, just to sit down and talk to such a lady."

Mrs Ross continued: "My trouble is that is that I have to go and see *all* the residents, so I can't spend an awful long time with any of them."

Taking somebody out in a car, perhaps to go shopping, to the chiropodist or to the opticion – all are on Mrs Ross's list of "things people don't think of until they're working with old people."

She went on "There are all sorts of silly, little things which it would be nice to have the volunteers to do – and it wouldn't take each volunteer an awful, long time."

The society goes back to its roots

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The cuts are coming at a time when more and more groups are competing for the money. "It's a double squeeze", the national society says.

While the movement hopes the Government will relent in 1985/6, steps for self-help are already being taken. The movement is pressing the Government to allow local societies to borrow on the open market to top up the available Housing Act finance. Even if this comes off, the result could be to double the weekly cost to residents of houses built or rehabilitated this way.

One hope of lightening the burden on the old people is to appeal for more gifted income from charitable trusts as well as from individuals and corporations, thus reducing the amount borrowed.

Meanwhile, in this Silver Jubilee year, the Abbeyfield movement is both going back to its roots and branching out. Having started in the East End, local societies have spread fastest in the suburbs, small towns and countryside. Abbeyfield officials are keen to encourage more developments in the inner cities.

Here there is great need, but a shortage of volunteers with organisational and managerial skills. A starting point may come from the minority communities, who have a tradition of self-help and may see the Abbeyfield system as a way of dealing with the breakdown of the extended family.

Lastly, at the moment that the Abbeyfield movement is again under great strain in its birthplace, the idea is taking off overseas. The first Abbeyfield house was opened recently in Eire, and others are now planned for Australia and South Africa.

The importance of 'extra care'

Abbeyfield societies up and down the country are caring for more people than ever before. But some are also stepping up the amount of care they can offer patients who become frail.

Two of the earliest local groups, in Morecambe and in Edinburgh, are now multi-house societies and have been able successfully to experiment with what is called "extra care" as opposed to the normal Abbeyfield service, which is called "supportive care".

Observing that some Abbeyfield residents as they got older required 24-hour care, and yet reluctant to send them outside to residential nursing homes, the volunteers searched for an alternative. They hit upon the idea of opening larger houses, with around twice as many residents (up to a maximum of about 20). These houses proved to be the best compromise between being able to afford a staff/resident help ratio of 1:1½ as opposed to the normal approximation of 1:7 – yet without getting so big as to be institutional.

The mistakes people make

The extra care concept is now being studied by many groups, and is being encouraged nationally by Dr Beric Wright, an Abbeyfield Society vice-chairman, a consultant architect, Mr Geoffrey Salmon, and the national secretary, Mr Desmond Charles.

"A lot of people", Mr Charles said, "fall into the big mistake of assuming that everybody who gets very old is automatically frail and needs extra care: they don't."

If anything, he went on, between one in five and one in eight would need extra care before death. People perk up, physically and mentally, on entering an Abbeyfield "supportive care" house. "We reckon we put ten years on most of the people who come in."

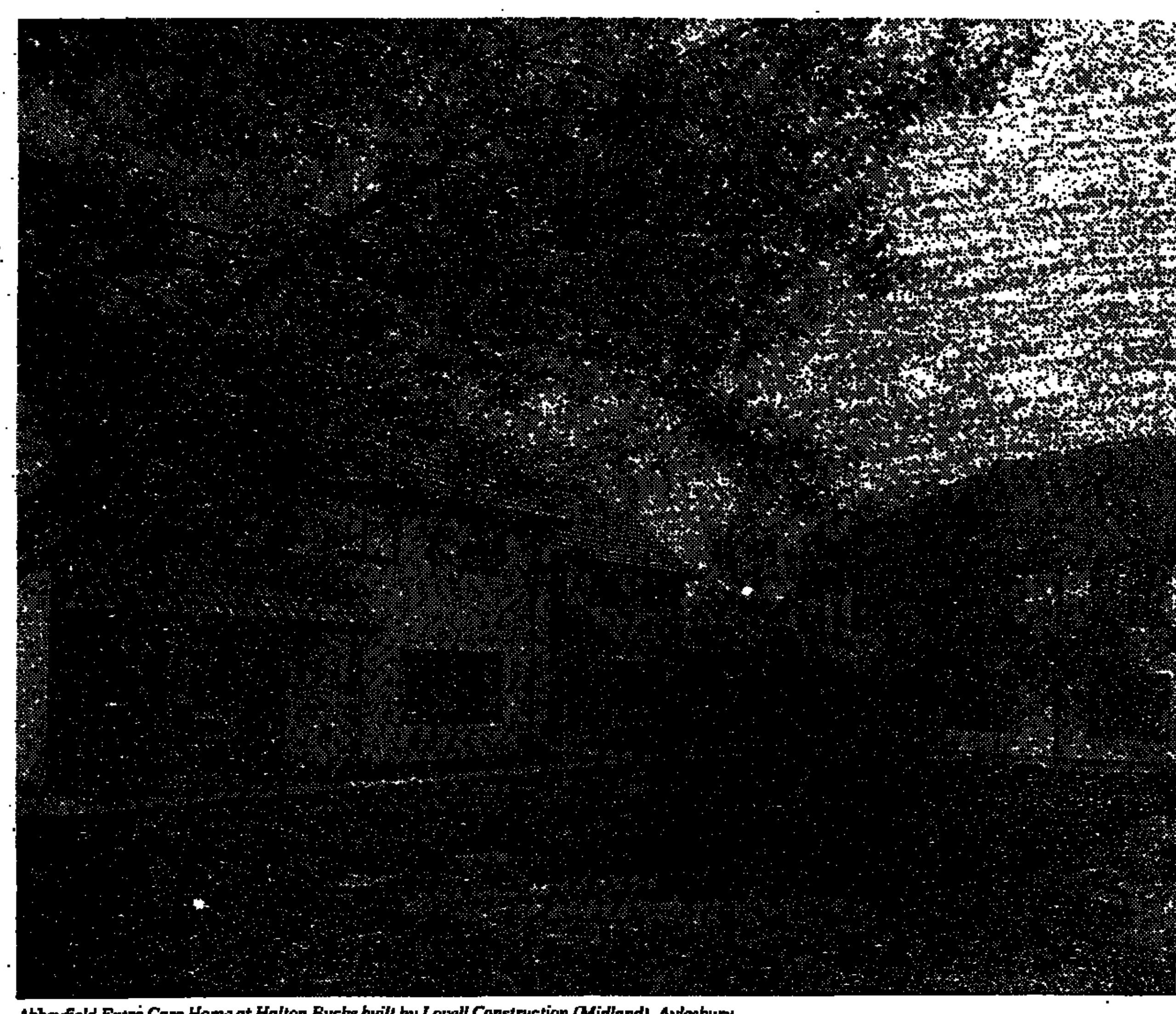
"Most of these, in turn, die quietly in their beds, or at the onset of an obviously terminal illness, in hospital.

Mr Charles said: "We have 22 extra care houses now, with six more being built and six or seven extra care wings being built on to established supportive care houses."

That gives Abbeyfield something like 560 people in extra care, the only constraint to further expansion being financial. The demand is certainly there.

Mr Charles observes that there are likely to be another 500,000 people between the age of 75 and 85 over the next ten years, an increase of one third. Taking about one in ten of those 500,000 as a potential Abbeyfielder, Mr Charles sees a "constituency" of another 50,000 people out there, or seven times more than the entire Abbeyfield community.

Opinions differ as to whether the 560 or so places on offer in extra care are enough to meet demand. Some say there are enough, but they are not always where they are most needed. Mr Charles thinks between 10 and 20 more houses are needed right now.



BOOKS

This is the way the world seems

James Fenton on the fathers of modern poetry

THE NEW OXFORD BOOK OF EIGHTEENTH CENTURY VERSE
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The important thing about poetry is that it should be interesting. And the trouble with so much of eighteenth century poetry is that, rather than be interesting, the authors of it decided to be correct. Presiding spirits such as Addison and Pope, however splendid their own achievements, managed to set the tone for some real old horrors, as anyone will know who has tried to wander off the beaten track in reading the poetry of the period.

Roger Lonsdale explains in his introduction to *The New Oxford Book of Eighteenth Century Verse* that the impression we have of the period has been crucially affected both by Pope's own view of his contemporaries, and by the early anthologists, who excluded, for instance, all anonymous poetry, and anything by women, from their collections. What the modern anthologist has to do is trust his own taste, rather than that of, say, Dodsley, and select from his own broad reading.

But this must mean really broad reading. Mr Lonsdale has over 800 pages of poetry, around a quarter of which, he tells us, has not been reprinted, and probably not re-read, since the time of its publication. Given that the major poets are very well represented, this is an extraordinary proportion of new material, and it makes one realize how vividly a real anthologist, as opposed to a merely quarrelsome selector of previous collections, can affect one's view of an era. If we compare this volume with, say, anthologies of twentieth century verse, it will be obvious that there is nothing like it around; nothing half-way as good. Indeed, it is worth asking whether the poetry of this century could make as interesting a volume as Mr Lonsdale's. The point about the works he selects is, to a great extent, their illustrative, descriptive quality.

The presiding genius here is Swift, the man who thought it worth describing morning in the city, or the onset of a shower of rain, and actually putting in the litter and all the supposedly non-poetic aspects of the scene. Pope does the same thing in an imitation of Spenser, which is one of the best things he wrote; but there is, at least I feel there is, a difference between stylistic exercises of an anti-heroic, mocking kind, and the direct poem which simply says: this is what the world I live in looks like. In the first case, the beauties of the description have been smuggled in – one feels that the poet is not entirely confident of his project. And yet even the mock heroic poems were extending dramatically the range of possible subjects.

It is only in the eighteenth century that we learn from the poet what it was like to be, say, a farm labourer, a coal-miner, a chap coming home with a skinful of drink and finding an unconscious prostitute on the doorstep. It is only in the eighteenth century that you find women writing to any extent articulately, both about being women and about, say, going for a walk in the evening in the environs of Salisbury and being rather afraid of a horse.

Although the poem in question is not particularly remarkable, it is only in the eighteenth century that we find that poets sometimes suffered from constipation.

You could say that the prevailing notion of correctness in poetry had a stimulating effect on rebel spirits, who used the correct language and idiom to address obviously incorrect subjects, such as the shameless way schoolchildren relieved themselves in public. But that doesn't really explain the whole story. After all, the poetry of the Victorians had its own notion of propriety, but the censor appears to have been far more effective. The poets of the previous generation had a wonderful gusto – they were tremendously stimulated by the city scene, the sordid, the unpromising aspects of life.

They also wrote for the first time in a language which one can recognize as our own vernacular. I used to believe that Byron was the first poet to do this, and that the chatty passages of *Don Juan* constituted the first linguistically modern poem; but then I read Swift and was forced to see that the first modern poem was "Frances Harris's Petition"; it is in Swift's comic Irish brogue that you hear for the first time, the kind of voice you might encounter now on the street. This means, by the way, that modern poetry begins in 1701.

It appears to flourish well enough for a century, then it goes into a kind of decline and has to be remodernized in time for the First World War. If you think of the enormous difficulties Wilfred Owen had in permitting himself not to write like Keats, and then you think back to Swift and his triumphant ease of expression, you have to conclude that somewhere in the intervening years something happened to make poetry extremely difficult to write. It is difficult today, for different reasons. What got in Wilfred Owen's way was the taboo against his subject-matter (homosexuality) and the inherited prestige of Keats's style. What gets in our way, and makes people write such junk, is the prestige of criticism: people write out of criticism and for criticism, their poems are offered as subject matter for the classroom rather than for the notional disinterested private reader.

The vagueness of criticism has been pumped back into poetry, making people obscure out of a sense of duty. Every poem that is written is offered to the critic first, who may then, if he is appeased by its deference, pass it on to the general reader. People have lost any feel for subject-matter and it now constitutes heresy and philistinism to ask of a poem what it is about.

Go back to the eighteenth century and look at the intense delight with which people brought new and engaging subjects into their work. It is wonderful to see what they permitted themselves to do. They were experimental in their use of form. They had a strong affection for music, for melody – an affection which modern poets entirely lack. They adored rhyme, and if they felt overawed by the demands of blank verse there were still plenty of them with the courage to have a crack at what Milton had done so well. A character like Cowper, patronized for years by writers of the Bloomsbury persuasion, not only had the courage to use Milton's idiom. He consciously decided to de-throne Pope's Homer and provide his own alternative. But the age was well stocked with courageous men, and with the most colourful eccentrics. One only has to think of Smart and Blake.

A sizable quantity of eighteenth century poetry survived in everyday use in the form of hymns. Many of these have been included by Mr Lonsdale. There are also poems familiar because they were sent up by Lewis Carroll, poems which must have been learned by heart by generations of unfortunate children. And then there are Carroll's predecessors in the honoured craft of nonsense poetry. From the very, very sublime to the extremely ridiculous, these writers covered the whole range. Mr Lonsdale's tribute to their variousness is a remarkable achievement. This is a major anthology: one of the best that Oxford has ever produced.

The royal refuge of wildness

Laurens van der Post

WILDLIFE OF THE ROYAL ESTATES
By Robin Page
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.95

Robin Page has done more in his generation perhaps than any other writer to make us aware of the unique beauty of the natural British scene, and how urgent for our sanity is its preservation.

Since *The Decline of an English Village*, for which already we owed him much, he has written seven books of great value on urgent country and nature themes, and the best of them, like *Journeys Into Britain*, will stand in the company of "natural" naturalists over whom the spirit of White of Selborne, Izaak Walton, and poets like John Clare preside. And yet none of the previous books excel or for that matter achieve the quality, range and maturity of the latest: *Wildlife of the Royal Estates*. It is not only a singularly beautiful publication, with line drawings by Fiona Silver and photographs to match the quality of the writing, but his most important book, a many-dimensional and dangerously overdue account of what there is still left of aboriginal earth, birds, beasts and flowers in the keeps and fortresses which the Royal estates have become in our increasingly threatening and erosive metropolitan and industrial context.

Also from even the best informed, everyday point of view, it is for once startling good news. For the portrait he paints in depth of the creative earth and land of Britain is as unknown and unrecorded as the way the royal family holds it in trust for the nation.

It was this last consideration which provoked the naturalist in Robin Page and led him to write this book. Watching some friends of his four years ago producing a number of routine "package books" of members of the royal family, his immediate reaction was: "There is only one really good book left to be written on the royal family and that is on the wildlife of their estates." He had no inkling at the time of the size of the task to which inspiration would lead him or, exacting as his life was, he might well have had second thoughts. Although he knew the locations and extent of royal lands and could tell from any ordnance map how they included mountains, moorlands, islands, bogs, fens, lowlands, sand-dunes and sea, beyond the obvious he was, he confesses, as ignorant of what they contained as he was of how they were managed. He assumed that three or four days on each estate would produce all the information he needed to go back to his own farm in Cambridgeshire and do the rest by lamplight.

It took him 18 months of numerous treks, as he calls them, from Tintagel and the Scilly Isles to the Highlands of Scotland and another six months of writing to complete this self-imposed task. He covered more than 30,000 miles by road and hundreds of miles on foot. He travelled the land not only by day but was up, over and over again, at dawn to try and get a glimpse of some otter; or waiting in the twilight to spot a rare bat; and he sat up from many a dusk to midnight to observe badgers as they emerged from their sets. He saw, indeed, all he expected – and the more dramatic things: golden eagles, peregrine, hawks, falcons, buzzards, salmon and deer. But the diversity, the sheer beauty, the abundance especially of the small and popularly despised minutiae of woods and valleys, far exceeded anything he had dreamt of. "Almost the only thing missing was the crested tit" he says, with amazement bordering on a dismay that is close to ingratitude, considering that he had already observed six of the seven known British tits in conditions of privilege and intimacy.

No two estates were alike, each one full of its own surprises and its unique way of protecting some vulnerable, small, threatened form of life, keeping at bay this technological barbarism we call civilization that was biting, night and day, at their defences like a pack of hungry wolves at those of the legendary Siberian traveller. Even the gardens of Buckingham Palace, in the midst of the smog and the roar of London traffic, was a jewel in the natural crown (and far richer in urban wildlife than the public parks). Even geese from Canada would fly in to take the waters there beside flamingoes with mannequin legs. This explained to me a personal mystery and, no doubt, will explain many others to Londoners; why I have heard the tawny owl hoot in the midnight hush over Piccadilly and why my starved London senses still glow with the vision of a kingfisher sitting above the timepiece at Hyde Park Corner like a burnished fugurine on an ormolu clock.

Windsor was perhaps the greatest of all his and my own surprises. "I had written it off", he writes, "as being largely a relief for suburban dogs." But it was a revelation, full of glimpses of southern England's remote natural past and the oldest relics we have today of broadleaved woodland in Europe with a variety and density of indigenous life, plant and flora to match.

But with it all Robin Page is also tough, funny, joyful, practical; and looks the reality of the here and now and the schizophrenic rift widening between the "country mind" and the "city mind" squarely in the face. So he is as good on management of these estates, which incidentally he finds on the whole superb, as he is faithful and evocative in his account of nature.

O I hate the new computers

SCIENCE FICTION

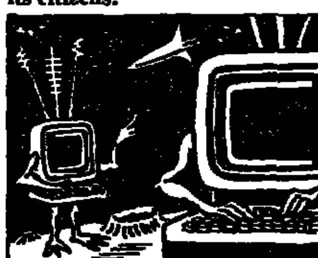
Tom Hutchinson

NEUROMANCER
By William Gibson
Gollancz, £8.95

A debut novel set for brain-stun. William Gibson's first is streetwise SF, whose smart-tough density of character and circumstance make it one of the most unusual and involving narratives to be read in many an artificially-induced blue moon. It's fashioned like a Blade *Runner*, *designed to the proportions of a sleazy epic*.

In a future of immense class-chasms, and with computer technology hyped to produce its own reality, the nerve-maimed Case is a console-cowboy used to riding the high voltages of video worlds. *Living in Night City* – "like a deranged experiment in social Darwinism, by a bored researcher who kept one thumb permanently on the fast-forward button" – he's lured into an adventure which will straighten out his personality kinks.

Emerging at the other end, after an encounter with the personality-recorder of the title – in the shape of a disturbingly strange child – he's a different, if not saner, man. At least, he's got a new pancreas and liver as console-ations. There's a wry wit to spice a stew of events which tend to overcook, and originality enough to mark out a new writer who makes you care about his world. To make us all its citizens.



● **Across The Sea Of Suns, by Gregory Benford** (*Macdonald, £8.95*). Plunged into deepest space, a whole cargo of scientists aboard *Lancer* is trying to penetrate the mystery of alien computers and radio transmissions. Good hardcore adventure, trying to be something more but not quite getting there.

● **The Science Fiction Source Book, edited by David Wingrove** (*Longman, £8.95*). What attempts to be the ultimate reference book is a worthy, patchy collection of facts and opinions – Kingsley Amis in usual pessimistic mood. There's a collection of capsule take-aparts of SF writers with patronizingly starred (what else?) judgements. Brian Aldiss's foreword about the history of the genre is the most satisfying item, written with passion.

● **The Songbirds Of Pain, by Gerry Kilworth** (*Gollancz, £8.95*). A bony-handed clutch of short stories, addictive and hallucinatory. A grave surreality inhabits the best – "Sumi Dreams Of A Paper Frog" – while a concussing sensationalism pervades the best-selling, "Let's Go To Golgotha!"

● **Fire Pattern, by Bob Shaw** (*Gollancz, £7.95*). Pedantic and arrogant newspaperman, approaching arthritic middle-age, investigates ashes-to-ashes syndrome – spontaneous combustion that devastates its victims – only to find that Mercury inhabitants are to blame, despite their principles. Slender material teased out with great skill and it would make a good film if Stephen King hadn't had a go first. But this must contain an SF first: a middle-tier character from Barrow-In-Furness. Geddit?

Treatise of vain struggle and man on an old bicycle

FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

ALEXIS
By Marguerite Yourcenar
Aidan Ellis, £8.95

DOWN FROM THE HILL
By Alan Sillitoe
Granada, £7.95

TIRANT LO BLANC
By Joanot Martorell & Marti Joan de Galba
Macmillan, £9.95

LEAVING THE LAND
By Douglas Unger
Heinemann, £9.95

Marguerite Yourcenar wrote *Alexis* when she was a young woman. It is the story of a musician from a poor and ancient Austrian family. He is a homosexual and unable to commit in love. He marries a rich young woman, has a child by her, then decides to leave her to return to the casual satisfaction of his desires. This short novel is his parting letter to his wife. He will never return, but he wishes to explain.

Yourcenar subtitled her book, *The Treatise of Vain Struggle*. She believed that it is useless to resist a predisposition. A way of life is predetermined. She chose to write elliptically, but precisely, discarding descriptions of sex for analysis of feelings and scruples. To her, the brutality of language conceals the banality of thought: her exquisite prose contributes to a true understanding. Alexis himself emerges as a curious puritan, even a moralist. He will not deceive his wife: he loves her too much for that. He prefers sin (if that is what it it is) to a denial of self which leads to self-destruction. He thinks his life has made him what he is, and his creator has presented him without excuse.

Alan Sillitoe's new novel is a recalling of a bicycle journey made by a young man in the summer of 1945, when Sillitoe was a young man working on a lathe as his hero does. *Down From the Hill* ends with a retracing of that week's ride by car by the narrator, now a disillusioned writer. This is autobiography as fiction, but factual in time and place. The recreation of 1945, when the Labour Party had swept into victory and power, is loving, complete, evocative, and laconic. Sillitoe deliberately stays within the terms of reference of his narrator, so that the splendours of the English countryside may be mere numbered pages on the map. Yet beneath the understatement and incomprehension of the limited language of the adolescent lie the richness of Nottinghamshire and the strange opinions of time past.

At one moment, a policeman quotes Shakespeare, "There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy." That is the period of life and the year of total change that Sillitoe pictures so well; but the middle-aged writer's second journey is sad stuff, all ambiguity without hope or commitment, even a judgement of the recent Tory landslide as something as good or as bad as the Labour one had been. *Israel in Egypt* plays on the car radio, and Sillitoe is estranged from his promised land, at the wheel of his car, a barrier now between him and the landscape.

God help me – the priest shouts in *Don Quixote* – here is *Tirant lo Blanc*. It is the best of its kind in the world, a wealth of pleasure. The knights in it eat, sleep, and do what knights do. So this Catalan forerunner of Cervantes' masterpiece was acknowledged, although it was a late medieval work with more analogies to the *Decameron* and the *Morte d'Arthur* than to the epic novel to be.

David Rosenthal's excellent translation of this obscure knightly romance is a valuable contribution to scholarship and to an understanding of the code of chivalry and Mediterranean warfare. It is episodic, incredible, rumbustious and repetitive. Tirant sometimes seems as much of a Baron Munchausen as another Sir Lancelot. His recovery fron lethal wounds is instant and miraculous, his exploits far-fetched and furious. My favourite episode is Tirant's battle with the Prince of Wales's mastiff, when he gallantly throws away his sword so that he can combat the hound on equal terms and bite it to death. *Don Quixote* still reigns unchallenged as the primary exploration of the illusion of action and chivalry, but *Tirant lo Blanc* is the absurd stuff of the knightly fantasy itself.

Douglas Unger's first novel is in a tradition that dates from Sherwood Anderson and Willa Cather – the decline of the prairie, the rise and fall of the mid-Western town. A talented graduate of the Iowa Writer's Workshop, his *Leaving the Land* tells of Marge Hogan, who marries a lawyer and deserts her father's turkey farm in Dakota – he will be ruined by the meat processing plant that consumes all the bird except for the gobble. Low prices and large organizations destroy the independent farmer and even the plant: only a ghost town remains, where the grandson comes back, searching for a meaning. His forefathers have moved themselves on wheels and whole farmhouses on rollers in order to possess their own piece of prairie. If they failed at their previous lives, they could always turn to the plough. Now a failure had no way to go. There must be other secrets now, but once the land has been left, nobody knows them.

Constable plain, and see him whole

John Russell Taylor

THE LATER PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS OF JOHN CONSTABLE
By Graham Reynolds
Yale, £140

THE DISCOVERY OF CONSTABLE
By Ian Fleming Williams and Leslie Parris
Hamish Hamilton, £25

Considering the overwhelming fame of Constable, it is amazing how little we know about him. Or have known until comparatively recently. Perhaps potential Constable scholars have been misled by the enormous amounts of comment on his work, and the reassuring row of volumes devoted to his correspondence and miscellaneous writings by the Suffolk Records Society, into thinking that there are no more problems left to solve. But clearly that is far from being the case. In the introduction to his authoritative two-volume catalogue of Constable's work after 1817, Graham Reynolds points to the Tate Gallery's bicentenary exhibition of 1976 as a sort of watershed in Constable studies, and pays generous tribute to Ian Fleming Williams and Leslie Parris for their catalogue of the show and for bringing "fresh eyes and new ideas" to questions of the Constable canon which had hardly even been recognized to exist before; he only regrets that his own work will be with the printers before he can see their book, from which he looks forward to many new insights.

"Sensation" is hardly too strong a word to describe the effect of the 1978 revelations by Messrs Fleming-Williams and Parris that a body of work always hitherto supposed to be reliably by John Constable was in fact by his son Lionel, produced under strong paternal influence and with no intent to deceive. After the dust of combat had settled, it was evident that the reattribution leaves us with another agreeable minor painter and does not radically change our view of Constable père. Nor, probably, will the same scholars' parade of Constable followers and forgers in *The Discovery of Constable*, though it will lead to a few more embarrassing downgradings. By far the more interesting part of the book is the first half, which chronicles the growth of Constable's reputation since his death, with the constantly-changing emphasis of criticism depending on whether Constable was being praised primarily for being a great English conservative or for looking boldly forward to Manet and the Impressionists; whether his elaborately finished oils or his slightest sketches were most admired.

If we see Constable differently in the 1980s from the way our predecessors did, it is only natural: perspectives on artists are always changing, and greatness sometimes seems to consist in the ability to weather constant redefinition without being quite worn away.



Harnham Bridge: the book will be awarded the Mitchell Prize for the History of Art today

Armageddon

Philip Howard

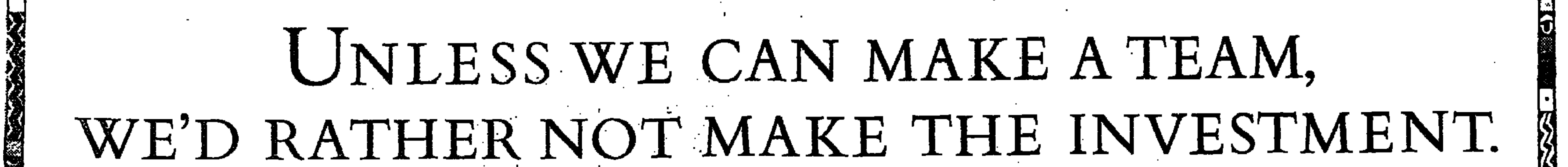
THE KILLING FIELDS
By Christopher Hudson
Michael Joseph, £9.95

Only a dozen years ago Cambodia was a forgotten corner of gentleness and green, Buddhist calm. Since then it has been smashed by alien war and ravaged by intestine butchery. This is the story of how Sydney Schanberg of the *New York Times* had to abandon his Cambodian assistant, Dith Pran, to the maw of Moloch, in much the same way as Uncle Sam made his excuses and left. It is the book of the film, which is based on Schanberg's own account in his newspaper. So it is partly a terrible true story: a fragtion rather than a faction.

However, for the purposes of the cinema, it is also partly fictionalized. Stock characters are introduced: the cynical photographer in shades; the drunken Aberdonian doctor with a heart of gold. Dramatic conversations are invented: "It is grief. Grief. It doesn't stay on their faces; but goes inside." "He was always – how do you say *voltigeur*? – the man on the tightrope, yes." There is fine writing: "The Tonle Sap river was covering its secrets with gold."

And the trouble about this is that the fictionalization for the film turns tragedy into melodrama, and the moving story of Pran into romance. How much of the "treatment" can we believe? The facts about Cambodia are so awful that they are cheapened by fictional trimmings. Films also exploit, though not so devastingly as the B-52s.

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SPECTRUM 1

A publishing war is on to woo reluctant male readers away from their specialist publications to general appeal magazines

Campaign to catch the elusive man

For some time the UK magazine industry has puzzled over the reluctance of men to purchase general interest magazines. While women buy a wide range of these magazines, men stubbornly resist buying a magazine about themselves.

In 1978 *Cosmopolitan*, flush with its success in reaching large numbers of women, tried to publish a separate magazine for men. It lasted one issue. Although it sold what would be considered today a highly respectable figure of 118,000, this pales into insignificance by comparison with sales of *Cosmopolitan* at about the 400,000 mark.

Undeterred by past failures, magazine publishers are once more launching themselves in pursuit of the reluctant male.

In the last few weeks *Cosmopolitan* has spawned a supplement called *Cosmo Man* in the hope that enough women readers will pass it on to their men friends. This week *Options* tries a similar trick with *OM*. Meanwhile *Harpers & Queen* have played a little safer by launching their own male section within the existing magazine. It's called *Men's Bazaar* and follows the pattern set by *Vogue* whose own successful male fashion-based section *Vogue Men* has been published for more than a decade.

These publications will appear on a quarterly basis and although there is talk of eventually producing a men's magazine in its own right, that is likely to remain idle publishing chatter for sometime to come.

Fifteen years ago Conde Nast did try to sell their male version of *Vogue* separately but found that men were reluctant to buy it. They remain firmly convinced that the way to reach men is through women.

"Men buy car magazines and they buy skin magazines, but there's no evidence to show that they buy magazines that concentrate on clothes or grooming," says Conde Nast UK's deputy managing director Freddie Beech. "Now *Vogue* has a high male readership and I think a lot of that comes about by women saying to men 'Have you seen this?'

"We also think that the phenomenon of men and women shopping together is a growing thing. So we think that the right way to reach men is through women and we intend to increase our emphasis on that."

It's important to advertisers that the environment for their products is the correct one. Although men read car magazines for instance, they may not be the sort of men interested in purchasing expensive aftershave or clothing. With this in mind, the publisher of *London Portrait* is launching a monthly giveaway next March called *The London Gentleman* which is to be distributed to 200,000 upmarket homes.

Whether *The London Gentleman's* success will encourage others to try similar ventures or persuade a publisher to actually go for broke and attempt to sell a magazine of this type to men remains to be seen.

Although the economic climate has persuaded publishers to exercise caution when it comes to making the sort of huge investment required, the publisher who successfully launches a men's magazine will have cracked one of publishing's most difficult conundrums.

A few months ago advertisements appeared in the ad industry glossy weekly *Campaign* signalling the impending launch of a magazine called *Prosper*. This was to be published monthly and sold on the bookstalls.

The publishers were a little known outfit based in Lincolnshire whose brave foray lasted only a few months before the company went into liquidation.

This little episode reinforces the view that it will only be a Conde Nast, A National Magazine Company or a Reed International that launches a paid for men's magazine.

John Thater

WIT AND WISDOM

MEN'S BAZAAR: edited by Nicholas Coleridge and at once a witty, stylish extension of the parent publication. Features, fashion and cars form the editorial. Subjects range from telephone sex ('Exchange and Tart') to eating alone in restaurants ('Lone Wolfing') and are written with usual Harpers' brand of wit and wisdom. It's a fairly open secret that the magazine's publisher was very keen to launch a separate men's magazine and sell it on the bookstalls. The idea was turned down by the National Magazine Company's parent company the American Hearst Corporation. This first Men's Bazaar illustrates why the publisher was keen to take the plunge. With Harpers & Queen issue sizes as large as they are, Men's Bazaar could easily have its style cramped which would be a pity.



PREDICTABLE

COSMO MAN: edited by Paul Keers, this one is very much a male version of Cosmopolitan. Therefore the first article is unashamedly entitled 'Your body – what a woman really wants'. For those without the time to read this gem, the answer is expressive hands and a tight bum. The magazine traverses through fashion and the fashion-conscious. There's an article on cocaine, physical fitness and one-parent families. All predictable stuff finished off with a quiz which will help you discover your love rating. Parent publication editor Deirdre McSharry defends Cosmo Man by saying it's aimed at the "new man", but I found it condescending as well as several years behind the times. Be warned, Cosmo Man should be read at your peril. It has all the sophistication of a comic and will probably be a big hit.

READABLE

OM: edited by parent publication editor Sally O'Sullivan, it contains a highly readable mix of features, fashion and reviews. Alan Bleasdale, Brian Walden, Iain Johnstone, Michael Palin and Paul Heiney are among a distinguished list of contributors. A very real attempt was made to find out what prospective readers wanted before OM was put together. Its range of features is broad enough to interest almost any male. Although the extra advertisement revenue did not cover the increased production costs, it's clear that Options see the men's market as worth investing in and have made a very commendable attempt to produce a high quality publication right from the very beginning. It would not be difficult to envisage an extended version of this magazine appearing on the bookstalls.



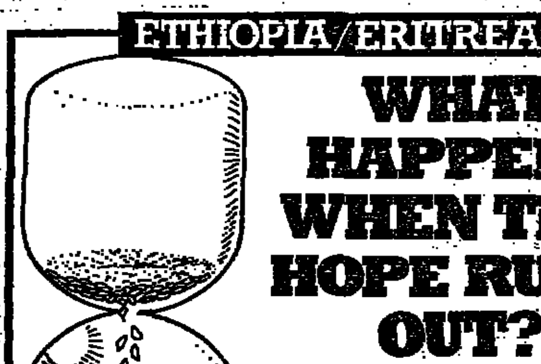
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"The London Gentleman is for this wordly, intelligent kind of man – the man who successfully exercises mastery of his own destiny and makes his voice heard in society. The man who expects fun as a reward for honest hard work, and who can afford the good things in life. Above all, The London Gentleman's features will set the tone with their exploration of the dreams, pleasures and challenges for today's most successful and aware gentleman." Now you know.

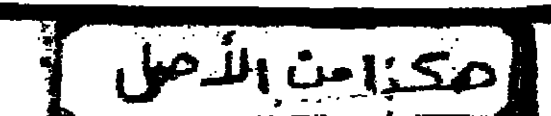
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SPECTRUM 2

An artist with no artifice

The Times Profile: Malcolm Morley

"Did he begin painting in borstal or was it prison?" The question was launched at the director of the Tate Gallery within minutes of the announcement that Malcolm Morley had won *the inaugural* Turner Prize. And so the elements of the myth began to drop conveniently into place.

"Ex-con" and "exile" are the words that have attached themselves most persistently to Morley's name since he was formally embraced by the British art establishment at a televised ceremony last week, and it has made him all the more determined to *live down what he refers to* cuttingly as his "colourful background".

Morley took off for America 26 years ago when he was 28, and didn't return to England for 20 years. No more than a handful of paintings found their way back across the Atlantic during all that time and he had to wait until last year for the first major British show of his work. Not, he points out, with what is meant to pass for nonchalance, that he very much cared.

Like other ex-patriot artists, and most obviously Joyce and Beckett, Morley's feelings for the country he

'I got all emotional... I felt like a little boy'

left behind are a complex mixture of loathing and longing which found some kind of focus in the Turner prize. "The London art world's a bunch of losers", he can say, slapping a *faux naif* hand over his mouth. And he can talk dismissively of big fish in little ponds while simultaneously confessing that he experienced a sort of epiphany when the telephone rang in his Bowery studio at lunchtime on Tuesday, November 6, and it was Allan Bowness telling him he'd won the Turner Prize.

"As he said it there was a sudden sound of angels in Heaven and in the middle of them was my grandmother, and she smiled. And it was such a euphoric sensation. It was far out. I mean, it was a real vision.

"Somebody told me that when you have a great moment in your life you share it with your ancestors. So, although I despised the way they turned this prize *into a bloodsport, and I* despised the part of me that wanted to win it. I was very moved. I got all emotional. Disgusting. I said to Allan Bowness – I felt like a little boy. I said: "I never became an American citizen, you know".

Morley has never thought of himself as an American or a European but always as an "English" painter. He was born *in Highgate*, north London, where he narrowly missed being killed when the house was hit by a bomb during the war. He never knew his father and on several occasions as a child ran away from home with the intention of going to sea. Over the last 20 years, his work has evolved from meticulous, superrealist renderings of photographic images to messier, more painterly, less controlled canvases, both styles presaging popular movements. But the same autobiographical elements have remained consistent throughout: big ships, toy trains, violent death, uneasy sex, the English countryside viewed from a prison cell.

Morley can be a diffi*cult customer, unyielding*, aggressive, truculent, and he makes no apologies for it. Once, when he was still far from rich, he slashed a painting to pieces in front of its new owner and handed back the cheque worth $40,000. On another occasion, he turned up with a water-pistol loaded with red paint to squirt at one his own paintings in an auction room in Paris.

He chose to be interviewed on neutral territory, in an apartment abutting the Whitney Museum belonging to his New York dealer, in order to give his interviewer as little purchase as possible. And he had been going through his life, dutifully perhaps, but amiably, when a question touching on why he had chosen house-breaking (for which he served a three-year prison sentence) over any other sort of crime caused him to suddenly bridle.

"I don't like that train of thought at all", he said. "Not at all. I think the question is real bad. It feels really wrong. It feels an invasion of something very personal. Then I've got nothing per*sonal left. I feel goosebumps* coming right now."

Well perhaps we could talk about why he had left England straight from the Royal College? "I don't think there's any whys in it."

'I never wanted to be a painter. I hate it... I prefer films'

But it was significant. He'd chosen America. He could have gone anywhere.

"It comes back to 'colourful background' again. I don't really want to go over any of that ground at all. You get fed up talking about yourself. After a while it feels like a terrible bore."

Did he want to talk about how his style developed?

"I don't want to talk about that."

What was he painting now?

"I don't want to talk about that either."

Was there anything he did want to talk about?

"Well, if I hear it I'll let you know."

He had said he felt "homeless" rather than "exiled". Did he still feel more English than American?

"I don't feel anything." Morley has a curious Australian-sounding accent. "I don't feel anything about anything. Except maybe terror of some kind. Some kind of psychic pain which is overwhelming. Most of the time. Every day of the week goes like a nightmare."

"You've always thought like that?"

"To a greater or lesser degree. I take pills to try to help me over it. But there's no answer. It's occupying space really. Occupying a vacuum. A void."

"I suppose you could call it being alive ... if you're unemployed like I am – I'm really not employed – you drift. In a way, the very thing you've got, which is the luxury of time, is also the most dangerous element for evolving tendencies that you'd never have a chance to find out about if you had a job. I have all the freedom that anybody wants, and to me it's pure terror".

The obvious answer would be to get a job. He could go back to doing what he used to do, waiting on tables.

"That's not a bad idea. There's some interesting people who have renounced whatever it was they had, Wittgenstein became a hospital orderly or something ... I remember Malevich once said the artist should renounce one thing a day. The point is, I never wanted to be a painter. I hate it. I'd prefer to make films. But you know behaviourist theory, B. F. Skinner's idea that one tends to do what one gets reinforcement for. And when I came out of jail I guess the first thing I showed was that I could do paintings and the probation officers live on that....

"But really I felt that doing painting was like being banished from the world. The moment you leave the herd, you take on an anxiety that the herd doesn't have. And then the herd wants to destroy anybody who breaks away, because it threatens them. You can go crazy if you're not careful."

Morley said he felt pleased he had not turned up for the prize-giving. He would have felt guilty surrounded by his "brother" artists. He said he felt a weird guilt about his success in life, and that he had done his best to destroy it. "Drugs, heavy stuff. Coke. All the stuff that will stop you achieving more than you've already done. I keep thinking about all those guys I was in jail with. They're still in the nick."

Next week Malcolm Morley will be in London and he will be feted at the Tate. The *Tate, however, still has not* bought a single picture. Of the two Morley paintings presently hanging in the gallery, one is owned by Charles Saatchi, who has the biggest holding of Morley's work of anybody in the world. The other was offered to the Tate by Morley's dealer two years ago and turned down. "It made me realize", he said in New York the other day, "that I have more reasons for staying here."

Gordon Burns



Malcolm Morley: *'I don't feel anything about anything. Except maybe terror of some kind. Some kind of psychic pain which is overwhelming.'*

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moreover... **Miles Kington**

How I'll call the tune in Budapest

I was surprised and flattered the other day to receive an invitation to compose some music. It came from Annette Morreau, secretary of the International Society for Contemporary Music (British Section) and started: "You are hereby invited to submit works for the World Music Days of the ISCM to be held in Budapest from March 27-April 2, 1986". Admittedly, the invitation was headed PRESS RELEASE and printed rather than hand-written, but I still felt it was an honour.

Had Miss Morreau, I wondered, come across my early compositions at school for jazz quintet which were so difficult to play that the quintet disbanded rather than face another rehearsal? Had she got wind of the song cycle I once wrote for Frank Sinatra but forgot to send off to him?

Or had she even heard about my trail-blazing boogie-woogie piece for piano in five/four time, which I can play only when sober but dare play only when drunk?

No matter. The invitation has come and it is time for me to start composing again.

But in which category? The Hungarians offer a wide choice: from full orchestra to string quartet, from chamber ensemble to wind quintet, ending up with jazz composition (cassette or recording). No film score or full opera, I notice, and on the whole I approve of that. I don't care for opera and simply haven't got the time to shoot a film as well as go in for the competition.

But while musing on the possibilities, I received another communication which may well point me down the right path. It came from Sotheby's, the second-hand salespeople of New Bond Street, to tell me that for the very first time they are going to auction a manuscript by Duke Ellington, apparently previously unpublished.

Now, Duke's manuscripts are notorious in the jazz world for resembling an archaeological site rather than a building. The version originally written for his orchestra was always changed in rehearsal and changed even more in performances, so that when a new member joined the Ellington band, his parts were always full of scribblings, crossings-out and incomprehen*sible insertions* and thus unplayable.

But listen to how Sotheby's have been forced to describe this particular piece, entitled: "To an Immaculately Attired Soft Speaking Gentleman"....

"Apparently in full score, but from time to time the material dissolves into sketches, with some passages in other hands, notated in pencil on up to 10 staves per page, with some additional material in red, blue and green ballpoint, with many blank staves, presumably either to be filled in later or to indicate improvisatory passages, 64 pages...." They add, piognantly: "Ellington's working methods were idiosyncratically *chaotic*."

So, luckily, are mine. The path before me is quite clear. I must purchase a selection of coloured ballpoints, several pencils, 64 pages of manuscript paper with varying amounts of staves per page and a large bottle of red wine. Having consumed the last, I shall then sit up all night, preferably on a sleeper train as Duke Ellington did, and pen an unplayable composition in the style of the late, great Duke.

Whenever I run into difficulties, I shall merely scribble "Trombone solo" or "Cut to Letter E". There will, of course, be no Letter E. I shall then entitle it "To a Discerning Snappily Dressed Hungarian Music Judge" and send it off.

Beguiled by the visual beauty and Ellingtonian quality of the thing, they will come running round to my door with first prize for the orchestral composition.

No, I have a better idea. I will go to the auction and *buy* the Ellington manuscript. I shall then send it off as my entry to Budapest. If it fails to win, I can create a scandal: "Budapest in Ellington-not-good-enough shock controversy!" Either way, I can't lose.

The one snag here is that Sotheby's estimates the successful bid at about £6,000 to £8,000. This is a lot of money, even without an Arts Council grant. The prize money would make up for it, of course, but unfortunately Miss Morreau's press release makes no mention of prize money. Never mind; I am not in this for the money, merely for the honour of putting Duke forward as the British entry. But if you would like to help your country, send me as *much as you can afford*, marking your envelope "Money for Old Duke". Cheques in black ballpoint, please, with *no* missing staves.

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Scargill speak

Frank Chapple is at it again. In the foreword to a forthcoming book called *Scargill the Stalinist?* the retired right-wing electricians' leader calls the NUM president "a dangerous buffoon": "Had he (Scargill) lived in the Soviet paradise he so longs for, he would long ago have been clapped into a mental institution". Chapple goes on to warn trade unionists that solidarity with the miners will lead to a "Communist dictatorship". That is arguably not as damning, however, as the book itself – a compilation by Nicholas Hagger of Scargill's own quotes gleaned from back copies of papers and far-left publications. Some examples: "I think it as daft to suggest that we talk to this Government . . . as it would have been for people in the Second World War to talk to the Nazis" (1983); "I am not prepared to be party to these attacks on the Soviet Union, which has established a socialist system and wants to improve the quality of life of its people" (1983); "We need . . . to get rid of this Government. That campaign will not be won in the House of Commons. It will be won on the streets of Britain" (1981), and "I'm a reasonable and moderate man" (1981).

UN equal

Today's Church of England debate on women priests could prove a waste of hot air if, as expected, the government ratifies a controversial UN convention "outlawing" all forms of discrimination against women. Tory MP Ann Winterton's research assistant Christopher Whitehouse, who has prepared a study paper on the convention, tells me there would be "no exceptions to these legal requirements, not even the mainstream religions which discriminate against women by not admitting them to the ministry". The convention is currently being examined by Foreign Office lawyers, and a decision on ratification seems imminent. Few people seem aware of its implications. Among those who are is the pressure group Family and Youth Concern. It points out that the convention is couched in such general terms that in theory an individual could insist on a ban on single-sex schools, prisons, hospital wards and public lavatories.

Tub thumping

You can call the Chancellor fat – and that's official. A few weeks ago Ed Harriman sent the Chancellor a board game he has devised called Let's Buy Britain. One of its chance cards reads: "The Chancellor has taken offence because you have said he is fat . . . Go to the Inland Revenue." Lawson's private secretary has just replied, insisting that the Chancellor "would not take offence if one of your players had called him fat."

BARRY FANTONI



"I'm hoping to collect £3 million to save the pound note"

Explosive

Two years of persistent questioning have clearly rubbed raw the nerves of those responsible for the Belgrano sinking. During the recording of last night's *Brass Tacks* programme on the subject Lord Lewin, Chief of Defence Staff during the Falklands war, twice lost his temper during off-camera exchanges. "It's a lie! It's a lie!", he retorted furiously when Tam Dalyell suggested the task force had insufficient air cover. And when Paul Rogers, of the Bradford School of Peace Studies, suggested further discussions Lord Lewin exploded: "It's no use me talking to you. You're too biased. I don't want anything more to do with you. I don't want anything more to do with the Belgrano." "That's not going to be very easy", replied Rogers, at which Lord Lewin stomped from the studio. He returned to finish the programme, but left straight afterwards with no farewells and looking "very, very angry".

Real bottle

The honour of that annual institution, the Beaujolais Nouveau race, has been besmirched this year by the BBC. Desperate to preview the new vintage on its consumer programme *Food and Drink*, a BBC researcher defied French customs to smuggle out three bottles for a recording of the programme on Monday – four days before the ban on sale was lifted at midnight last night. The researcher, who spirited out the unlabelled bottles in a Christian Dior bag, tells me: "It was all very James Bondish." The verdict of the wine expert on tonight's programme: A very poor year.

PHS

A miners' noose for whom?

The striking South Wales miners who humiliated Norman Willis, the TUC's new general secretary, by dangling a noose in front of him at the Aberavon rally may live to regret it. Already several leading members of the TUC general council would like to tighten the noose round the neck of the NUM strike strategy, and their numbers are likely to rise.

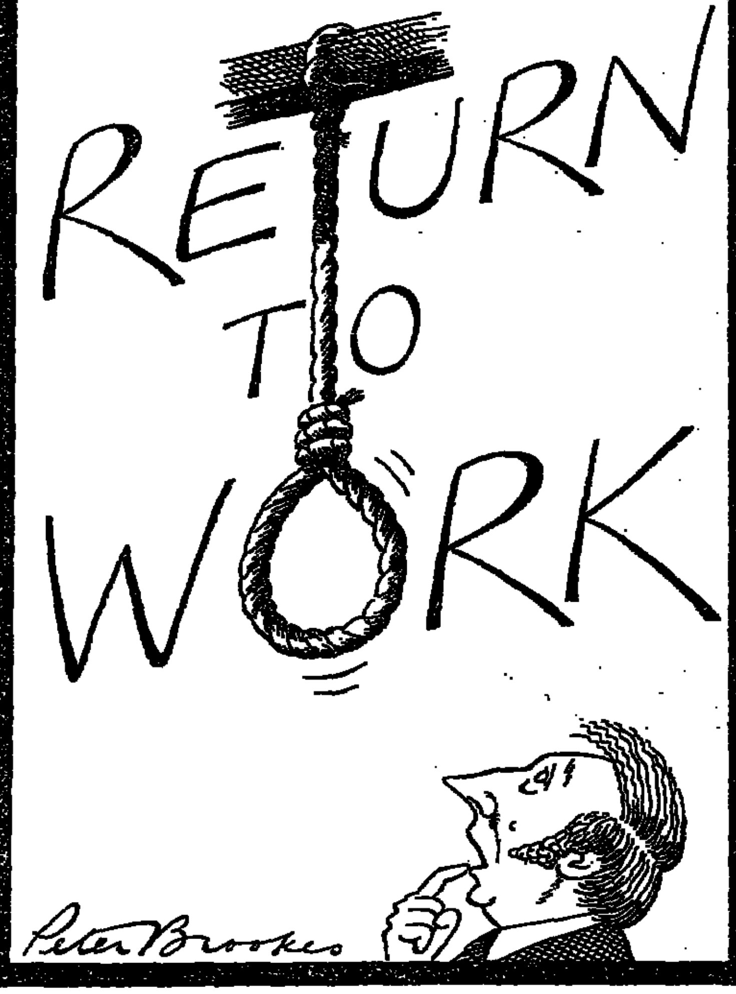
Ironically, Willis went to Aberavon to urge miners to "stand firm and stand true" behind their union and not join the return to work. Had they given him a proper hearing, the miners would have heard him insist on "genuine negotiations and a genuine agreement" between the National Coal Board and the union.

The Willis initiative has evidently fallen on deaf ears in the bitter atmosphere of the coalfields, where, with 6,000 men going back in the last 10 days, the NCB's tactics of accelerating the return to work have had more success than either managers or ministers believed possible. But there are no other peacemakers about at present, and if the dogged efforts of the TUC leadership fail, the strike will drag on for many more weeks amid mounting hardship.

TUC veterans have seen this sort of thing before, however, and the "seven wise men" charged with the task of getting fresh negotiations going will no doubt pocket their pride and just get on with it.

It is a daunting task. The Cabinet is content to sit the strike out, calculating that it will peter out early next year. The NCB is more positive, adopting an aggressive posture on the return to work while refusing to make any further concessions to the NUM demands for withdrawal of the pit closure programme.

Barely two weeks after its clog-footed public relations disasters, the board seems to have got its act together again, and while Arthur Scargill rails against "inaccurate" NCB figures for the drift back to the pits, there is no denying that the group-bussing tactics now widely in use are undermining the strike. After 2,000 men went back on Monday, the daily return is settling down at just under 1,000. At that rate it would take until mid-March before a full resumption of work, but the crunch for the NUM will come much sooner.



Moderates on the union's national executive, which meets in Sheffield today to review the situation, are calling for a new initiative by the union to stop the haemorrhaging of support, particularly in the "barometer" areas of north Derbyshire and Lancashire.

The prospect of a national ballot on the strike seems as remote as ever. The centre-right coalition that once ruled the executive has been effectively destabilized by the Scargill strike strategy, and the best calculation available last night was that the magic figure of a 13-11 majority in favour of a poll is beyond their grasp.

Against this unpromising background, the TUC is calling for "a surge back to negotiations, not a drift back to work", and Willis insists: "That is what the board has to learn." His comments will certainly get a more polite hearing from the NCB than they got at the hands of the strikers themselves, but not much else. Michael Eaton, now firmly ensconced as the board's chief front-man (even if his office resembles a country railway waiting room, all furniture and no signs of habitation), actually scratches his head and asks: "What room is there for negotiations?"

"None" is the eventual reply. He insists that the formula accepted by the pit deputies union Nacods *is* the final offer, and no amount of talking or striking will make the board go further. The NCB is to "completely reconsider" its March 6 colliery closure programme, and withdraw the threat to shut down five test-case pits so that they – in common with every other colliery – would be subject to a new review procedure which includes independent appeal. Is there nothing available beyond that? "Quite frankly, nothing really", Eaton declares.

The TUC and mineworkers' leaders want to reopen negotiations. The NUM had indicated an apparent shift from its hard-line bargaining position by saying the board must "not proceed with" the March 6 closure programme, rather than "withdraw totally" the plan to phase out 4 million tonnes of high-cost capacity. But the NCB does not regard this change of emphasis as strong enough to resume serious talking.

As the return to work speeds up, coal is being produced in some areas for the first time in months. A confidential NCB file in the possession of *The Times* indicates that coal is now coming out of five of the nine north Derbyshire collieries and five of the seven in Lancashire. At Bersham in North Wales, where the strikers narrowly voted in favour of continuing the action last Thursday, the NCB predicts: "Coal production expected next week."

The extra output from these areas, coupled with production in the working coalfields of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire, south Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, will relieve pressure on power station stocks and place the NCB (and the Government) in a much stronger position from which to dictate terms. It is little wonder, then, that the board is in no hurry to get back to the negotiating table; events are paying out a rope round the neck of the strike.

Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Jon Kimche on a patch of sand bedevilling Egyptian-Israeli relations

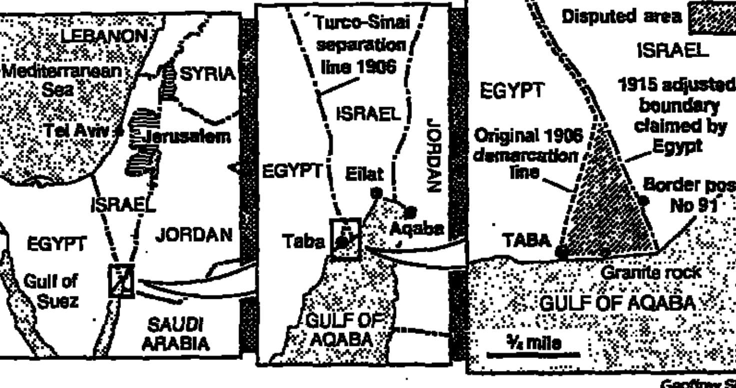
Lawrence's legacy of dispute

A 700-yard stretch of sand and its cluster of palm trees which has plagued Israeli-Egyptian relations for more than two years is now at the centre of a sharpening diplomatic crisis. Egypt's claim to own the beach at Taba, on the Red Sea coast about five miles south of Eilat, is being raised forcefully at every meeting of representatives of the two nations. Failure to reach a settlement his contributed significantly to the deep chill which now prevails in the "cold peace" between them.

Israel's regular requests for the return of the Egyptian ambassador to Tel Aviv – he was withdrawn in protest against the invasion of Lebanon – are invariably countered by pressure from Cairo to resolve the Taba dispute first. President Mubarak himself recently called on Israel to "seriously carry out steps" that would remove Taba as a source of disagreement.

The brackish well which marks Taba on the map has been in Israeli hands since their conquest of the Sinai in the war of 1967. When Israel pledged to hand back 12,000 square miles of occupied Sinai under the Camp David accord, it was agreed that a new frontier with Egypt would be established across the desert between the Mediterranean and Red Sea coasts – which is where the trouble over Taba began. The Israelis claim that a border map drawn up by representatives of the British and Turkish governments in 1906 leaves part of the fine beach there firmly within their present territory. The presence of a 340-bed luxury hotel erected at great cost with American money (to protests from Cairo) on the stretch of Taba to which they lay claim only strengthened their apparent determination to stay put.

The complexity of the Taba affair may be gauged from the fact that Egypt's counter-claim is based on precisely the same 1906 frontier agreement. But Cairo's maps put the border on the top of a hill a crucial 1,250 yards further north along the coastline. That would give the Egyptians the entire beach, including the hotel (for which they have offered compensation) and also a potentially valuable strategic point overlooking the outskirts of Eilat, Israel's principal Red Sea port.



Geoffrey Sims

The deadlock over Taba may seem absurdly trivial for the stuff of a serious rift between the two most important nations in a highly sensitive area, but it is an intriguing case of Middle Eastern history repeating itself. A much earlier crisis over control of the same beach resulted in the British fleet steaming towards Constantinople, prepared for hostilities. And by a quirk of fate, it was the aftermath of that dispute, involving, among others, T. E. Lawrence, that led to the compilation of the map on which Egypt now stakes its claim to Taba's shoreline.

That story began, in the spring of 1906, when the British government, as the occupying power in Egypt, sent Turkey an ultimatum to withdraw a small force of troops from the beach at Taba – after Whitehall had succeeded in establishing exactly where that was – and to agree to the marking out of an administrative boundary separating Turkish and Egyptian claims in the Sinai Peninsula. To back up the ultimatum, a 42-ship task force arrived in the Bosphorus. The Turks swiftly reconsidered their previous rejection of Britain's demands (though the troops had already been withdrawn) and agreed, under protest, to the creation of the proposed new frontier.

Four months later, an agreement was accepted by Anglo-Egyptian and Turkish delegates on the basis of a detailed demarcation carried out by British surveyors working for the Egyptian government. The new boundary was clearly established on the shore at Taba, close to an easily identifiable granite rock. However, in the best traditions of imperial surveying – on the North-West frontier of India, in the Tibetan region and in Africa – there was many a deliberate slip between the formal demarcation on paper and the final establishment of a boundary on the ground. Less than a decade later, this was to permit a deft "adjustment" to the Taba frontier line in the interests of the British.

Once the 1906 crisis had been settled, Taba returned to its former obscurity, becoming a matter of concern to the British authorities only after the outbreak of war in 1914, when Britain and Egypt withdrew altogether from the Sinai. In the Arab Bureau in Cairo, there was much apprehension about the threat of a Turkish-German drive across the desert towards the Suez from a forward base at Aqaab (now Jordan's main port). T. E. Lawrence had partially surveyed the frontier region just before the war: now he was drafted into the War Office mapping department and told to produce a large-scale map of the Sinai boundary region.

Lawrence's chief, Colonel S. F. Newcombe, instructed him to use his imagination when it came to drawing the frontier around Taba, and he understood what that meant. In a letter to a friend, he wrote that he had been asked to rush things through: "By night, behold there was a map of Sinai 18 feet each way . . . Some of it was accurate, and the rest I invented." The result of this creative surveying was that the boundary at Taba moved from the beach where the 1906 agreement had established it up on to the hill almost a mile to the north. It is this very position which Egypt claims today. A few other "adjustments" to the 1906 map were included by Lawrence and his team with a view to giving the revised frontier appropriate authenticity.

Today, almost 80 years on, the issue dividing Egypt and Israel is quite simple: where is the *real* border at Taba? The Israelis naturally want to stand firm on the 1906 agreement, which gives them their share of the beach. The Egyptians, equally understandably, favour the adjusted boundary of Lawrence's 1915 map. To this end, they claim to have discovered a border marker on the top of the hill overlooking Eilat and Aqaba. On closer inspection, however, post number 91 reveals so many contradictions and incompatibilities with the original lines drawn in 1906 that its authenticity must be open to serious doubt.

Given the wider questions that this could raise about the legitimacy of the frontier they recognize, the Egyptian authorities might well be disposed to conclude that they have more to gain from an early, friendly deal with Israel based broadly on the 1906 agreement than risk opening a can of worms by pursuing their present claim. Detailed investigation of the claim to all of Taba could, in the light of the new evidence presented here, reopen questions concerning the rest of the Sinai which Cairo might prefer to forget.

For their part, the Israelis would probably be happy to leave such a delicate issue buried in the past in the interests of a much-needed improvement in relations with the only Arab nation to have signed a peace treaty with them. But until the Taba tangle is unravelled, the sun worshippers will continue to bask on Israeli sand and pay for cocktails around the hotel swimming pool in shekels.

Bitter pills for Garret the Good

Dublin

As Dr Garret FitzGerald vigorously promotes his government's economic plan, he also faces a test of nerve and parliamentary skill in the field of social reform. The economic strategy, Building on Reality, was two years in gestation. In that same period "Garret the Good" has disappointed by failing to deliver hoped-for social legislation. His opponents wonder if he ever will.

But Dr FitzGerald must pilot at least some changes through the Dail, because many new supporters of his Fine Gael party were attracted more by his vision of reform than the party's economic policies. Social reform would retain the loyalty of the young liberal-urban voters and do much to restore the tarnished image of the prime minister as a great liberal crusader.

The problems he faces are already evident in the preliminary skirmishes over cabinet moves to reform the present family planning laws. On other issues, such as divorce and abolishing the concept of illegitimacy, the opposition is likely to be even tougher. For all the flood of young recruits into the party and its veneer of social democracy, there remains a section determinedly conservative and traditional. It delighted in forcing FitzGerald into an embarrassing party split, defeating his wording for the constitutional amendment on abortion a year ago, and would happily do so again.

In that episode, Fitzgerald was outmanoeuvred by a powerful alliance of the Fianna Fail opposition, a minority in his own party, and the Catholic church. The same alliance shows signs of regrouping to confront him once more on family planning.

Despite reservations within his own party, the opposition leader Charles Haughey, seems intent on exploiting FitzGerald's dilemma in the hope that it will speed the fall of the government. Oliver Flanagan, a conservative backbencher who has pledged his total opposition, said: "I am against contraceptives for single people or for anybody because contraceptives are wrong, and against the teachings of the Catholic church."

FitzGerald may not even be supported by the assortment of left-wingers in the Dail who believe his measures do not go far enough.

Then there is the position of the Catholic church – *the* pressure group in the republic. FitzGerald was left in no doubt of the hierarchy's position during the New Ireland Forum. Then he was reminded that the bishops believe legislators were entitled to legislate and put forward proposals, but the church reserved its position to warn the faithful about the consequences.

Dr Cahol Daly, Bishop of Down and Connor, said: "What we have claimed, and what we must claim, is the right to fulfil our pastoral duty, and our pastoral duty is to alert the conscience of Catholics to the moral consequences of any proposed pieces of legislation, and to the impact of that legislation on the moral quality of life in society."

The last few months have dispelled any doubts over how tenaciouly the church will defend traditional teaching. There are already signs that any proposals to remove the constitutional ban on divorce will resurrect the bitterness, vilification and division which inflamed the "pro-life" debate a year ago.

Pro and anti-groups already exist. An all-party approach seems unlikely given Haughey's belief that a referendum on the issue would be lost. One bishop has declared: "The state must either support marriage by forbidding divorce or undermine marriage by allowing it."

Despite evidence that the Irish favour family planning aids – licences to import almost 60 million contraceptive sheaths have been granted during the last two and a half years – the divisions within Fine Gael have obliged FitzGerald to compromise. The government is likely to forbid the sale of contraceptives to anyone under 18. This will remove the need for a prescription to purchase non-medical contraceptives and will widen the outlets where they can be bought.

FitzGerald has recently expressed impatience at the pace of social reform, saying that although the vision might recede, "you don't give up". But faced with the combined opposition of the bishops, Fianna Fail and the traditionalists within his own party, many fear he will do just that.

Richard Ford

Ronald Butt

First steps to the corner shopfloor

As desperadoes do when hope is almost gone, the organizers of the NUM massed pickets are urging their inflamed and increasingly hopeless troops into still more deeply criminal violence, none of which Mr Scargill is willing to condemn. Meanwhile, despite the risks, more and more miners are daring to go to work.

Mr Scargill and the NUM militants are not being defeated by the actions of the government or the coal board, but because a large section of their own members and, for practical purposes, all the other unions have refused support. It is, above all, the working miners, not Mr MacGregor, who are destroying Scargillism. Mr Scargill has always liked to describe his tactics in terms of military metaphor ("We launched . . . squads of cars, minibuses and buses, all directed on pre-determined targets . . ." was his description this year of his model tactics in 1969.) His defeat can well be described in similar terms.

He failed to take Nottinghamshire with his invading pickets this summer and then had to withdraw them to defend his Yorkshire base. Now, as he launches his final attacks, the question is what lies ahead of the union and the industry as they are riven by the acts of desperate men with nothing to lose.

An answer is best approached by way of the following facts. The working miners of Nottinghamshire, south Derbyshire and Leicestershire (who comprise most of the 30 per cent of the NUM members who are working) are acting with strict adherence to their union's constitution, but are also being driven by Mr Scargill towards something like *de facto* autonomy.

They are acting constitutionally because their decision to continue working is firmly grounded on Mr Scargill's refusal to allow them the ballot for which they have asked and to which they are entitled under union rules. They have throughout treated Mr Scargill's strike as unofficial, which the High Court has since declared it to be, and they have also invariably adhered to the letter of union law where this was at issue.

Thus, they have continued to honour the overtime ban that was begun when the NUM rejected the 5.2 per cent pay increase (offered by the coal board at the end of 1983) allegedly in protest against the NCB's "attacks on jobs and living standards."

The working miners have therefore voluntarily deprived themselves of the 5.2 per cent to which they will be entitled, presumably back-dated for a year, once the overtime ban has been called off. But to call it off, the Notts miners would have to decide that they wanted to negotiate autonomously for themselves. This is something which they have so far refused to do. But will they be driven to it?

Another straw in the wind blowing towards autonomy is the resistance of the Notts miners to being subordinated to the central NUM "model" rule book. The NUM is a federation of independent area unions, each of which has traditionally been responsible for its own discipline. Recently, however, a new model rule 51, promulgated at the centre, has sought to forbid any act or decision "which may be detrimental to the interests of the union."

Any breach of this rule was to be penalized by expulsion or suspension by a disciplinary court chaired by Mr Scargill, with Mr McGahey chairing an appeals committee – a system of justice that speaks for itself. The new rule, however, was declared invalid by the High Court and the Notts miners naturally defy it.

They would not much mind if the NUM expelled them for their defiance since an autonomous union would be created which other working Midlands areas would quickly join. But equally the Nottinghamshire men will not take the first step since if they can disobey Mr Scargill's orders without being expelled they have achieved effective independence anyway.

But this could be at risk once the strike is over, which is why they are considering removing the rule in their own rule-book which states that the national union should prevail where there is conflict with an area. That change requires a two-thirds majority, and it may be too much for the Notts miners to swallow when the question comes up at their December conference. But who can be sure of that if Mr Scargill's tactics become still more desperate by then?

The Notts miners have, after all, refused to go to the last two conferences called by Mr Scargill, and the area is also considering what to do with the 71 pence weekly contribution from each of its members that it has until recently paid to the central NUM. Since the sequestrator took over NUM funds, however, the money has not been passed over and it now has to be decided whether the Notts area acts as trustees for the NUM, or whether the money is paid under a contractual agreement which the NUM has broken.

All these things, and perhaps the overtime ban and pay rise too, have to be considered at the Notts miners' December meeting. Mr Scargill's behaviour in the coming weeks could be the crucial factor. It has always been clear that he would be beaten by local bargaining and rank-and-file action. It was rank-and-file action that replaced a militant by a moderate executive in Nottinghamshire itself after the strike began, and when the strike is over may happen elsewhere.

Moreover, what is happening in Nottinghamshire raises the larger question whether we are seeing the beginning of the end of the power of national unions, and the rise of local union power for bargaining more freely in the light of local conditions. Nothing could do more to bring employers and employees together than such concentration on their shared interest.

Paradoxically decentralization in the coal industry (and perhaps its break-up) is being approached not by the government's initiative but by the action of union members in response to Mr Scargill's overwhelming ambition. Prospects are opening which the government ought to contemplate. Is it possible to give some of the coalfields to the miners co-operatively, or on National Freight lines? Where is investment to be concentrated when the strike is over? Should it perhaps be concentrated in Nottinghamshire and similar areas? What should be the place of coal generally in the nation's fuel supplies? Not all Conservatives believe with Mr Peter Walker that the status quo should be restored: some argue that the opportunity should be taken to free the nation from its present dangerous dependence on this capricious industry.

Mr Scargill has probably acted as a catalyst for greater change than he can conceivably have realized when he began his insurrection.

John P. Harris

Escargots, lithely poached

Clermont l'Herault

A fair amount of chuntering is heard in France these days about law 'n' order. Not that the crime rate has shot up, but the centre-right (Chirac, Barre and Co) tends to blame the government for almost everything, from murder to dull TV shows, and the extreme right – recently noticeable because of the able oratory of its Duce, M le Pen – has a *bête noire* in the person of the Minister of Justice, Robert Badinter, whom it regards as a wet because he abolished the guillotine.

However, the government proclaims that it really would like people to obey the law, so one may assume that everybody welcomed the comeuppance recently meted out to a wicked young man at the *tribunal de grande instance* of Albi. He had been awaiting trial since early June, when he was caught slinking from a wood concealing several dozen succulent snails.

The close season for snails, as every British sportsman going to France should know, runs from April 1 to June 30. In that time snails are supposed to get on with courtship, mating, gestation, egg-laying and hatching (or snailbirth and suckling, as the case may be – I am not very well up on gastropods) without being distracted by anxieties about kidnappers.

Then on the Glorious First of July, the wild snail season opens. The chase is on, all true huntsmen hope for a fine drizzle that will tempt the game to break cover, and the woods and hills are alive with the squelch or squish of specimens being separated from the surfaces to which they had been adhering.

You can get snails all the year round in French restaurants, but nowadays they are imported from Eastern Europe, generally ready cooked in tins. The gourmet at a five-star French hotel de luxe who orders a couple of lightly-boiled fresh local snails for breakfast during the close season gets the same dusty answer as he would at the Savoy Grill if he asked for grouse before August 12.

Few Frenchmen know, by the way, that there is no close season for *la chasse aux escargots* in England's green and, in normal years, pleasantly damp land. Wake up, British Tourist Authority!

The Albi court fined the snail poacher 500 francs (about £45), and awarded one franc symbolic damages (all it asked for) to the Fédération Départmentale de Chasse. But even at Albi, where heretics got a short sharp deal in the twelfth century, signs of wetness have seeped in: the sentence was suspended. I hope the young man will have the good sense to spend next spring on a law-abiding safari around Chipping Sodbury, where there is good snailing.

A propos de hunting etc, let me bring to the surface a cutting from *Le Monde* of October last year, on the delights of shooting and fishing in Ireland.

The keen Frenchman (having written two letters to Dublin at least a month in advance, one, with 10 punts enclosed, to the Department of Justice asking for permission to import his fowling-piece, the other to the Forest and Wild Life Service requesting a shooting licence) can have enormous fun from November to March when, the article alleges, *canaris, sarcelles et bécasses* abound.

Yes, that's right: canaries, teal and woodcock.

I wrote to *Le Monde* to express my regret that such an eminent paper, normally a wholesome influence, should encourage its readers to join in the regrettable Irish habit of bagging these charming little songsters. It may be all right for natives in their turf cabins to eke out the boiled potatoes with a brochette or two of such *uccellini* and a noggin of poteen before getting back to the Celtic dream-twilight on pillows stuffed with tiny yellow feathers. They have been brought up to it. But would not even Tartarin de Tarascon have drawn the line at a *canari?*

It turned out to be one of *Le Monde's* very rare misprints. For *canaris* read *canards*. But I assure you that the Albi trial really was about real snails.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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LEFT IN THE LURCH

"I joined Labour as a teenager, excited by the vision of a socialist Britain." Thus Mr Eric Moonman, the authentic voice of a generation of Labour activists, MPs, councillors, party officials and mere Labour voters that is now in its political dotage. Mr Moonman this week resigned. The others lapse – into political passivity, into exhausting defence of their seats against the predators of the ultra-left; others, in their hundreds of thousands, take their votes elsewhere.

Vital organs of the Labour Party – branches, union delegations, the bulk of constituencies – are now (irretrievably?) controlled by those proclaiming themselves the inheritors of Mr Moonman's youthful vision; they say Mr Moonman and Lord Wilson and Mr Callaghan and the other anti-heroes of the new left betrayed the utopian dream. Dreamers are not a new element in the make up of Labour.

In the 1940s, when Mr Moonman joined Labour, they *swam in the mainstream, seeing* socialism realized in nationalization of industry, in the construction of the welfare state. Later, as Gaitskell and Lord Wilson tried to teach a new, difficult creed – that socialism is merely what Labour governments manage to do – the utopians were temporarily cowed. In the 1970s a new breed of militant utopians emerged, impatient with parliament, strengthened by recruits from the new class of public functionaries created by Wilsonian socialism and Heathite corporatism and infused with a jumble of extremist ideas from the ideological ferment of the 1960s. Labour's old-guard utopians – Mr Foot their tribune – opened the door wide. Party discipline crumbled. Since 1973 there have been no enemies and many openings on the left.

What Mr Moonman's generation came to learn, in the school of hard electoral knocks and through some proximity to manual workers and those grass roots trade unionists who did not make up delegations to Congress House and party conferences, was the limits of politics. In the years of Lord Wilson and Mr Callaghan the principle of limits eventually came to apply to loose government finance (with Mr Healey giving the lesson) and to tolerance of educational anarchy (here Mr Callaghan himself spoke some home truths). Throughout the principle applied to the way Labour conducted its affairs: MPs and councillors were given space for judgment. Respect was retained for a tradition of civil administration outside the ambit of party politics. It has been on this ground that Mr Moonman has found his limits, and he has expressed the pain of many.

In Mr Moonman's case the arena is an area health authority. Its budget is small but the principles on which it ought to operate are grand. What Mr Moonman rejects is a Leninist model of Labour Party organization. Mr Meacher (buoyed because his constituency party in Oldham is still ruled by old school moderates) pretends it is all the government's fault. Let Mr Meacher confront two Glasgow academics who correspond with The Times this morning. For several years they have monitored the erosion of a liberal conception of party life in Scotland and its replacement by a theory and practice never before seen in Britain outside the sect of the ultra-left; Labour begins to work on a system in which members of the revolutionary parties can and do find themselves at home. What is true of Glasgow is true of Liverpool, of certain London boroughs, of Manchester and elsewhere.

Mr Kinnock's task – knocking the party into shape both as a credible opposition and, perhaps in the longer term, as a leading element in some regrouping in the centre and left of British politics – is not, yet, hopeless. In part he and the other Labour leaders must realize that theirs is a sociological, a demographic quest. Mr Moonman's generation passes on, defeated.

But where does the idealistic left-leaning teenager that was Mr Moonman in the 1940s turn – repulsed as he surely must be by the mindlessness of Militant and *the political snobbishness of the* left-wing cliques in power in so many constituencies? Mr Kinnock has, somehow, to appeal over the heads of the Livingstones, Hattons and Scargills and by-pass the rusted machinery of his own party. To succeed he will need his well attested command of mass communications, popular musical videos and all. Meanwhile the very least he can be seen to be doing is dressing down those members of his party – dupes or worse – who allow themselves to be the willing agents of Labour's Leninists for whom politics has no in-built limits of civility.

SHIFTING SANDS

The admission to the Organization of African Unity of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic and the consequent departure of Morocco can be seen either as a victory for principle over short-sighted *realpolitik* or for fantasy over hard-headed pragmatism. The principle in question is one of great importance to the OAU, namely that national self-determination must be exercised within the frontiers inherited from colonialism. It may seem a paradoxical principle to have been adopted by a continent which so prides itself on having asserted its independence from the colonial powers, but it is essential to political stability because in most parts of Africa the limits of various historic, geographical or ethnic groupings could not easily be agreed on.

But the principle bears hard, of course, on those states which see themselves as heirs of a precolonial entity dismembered by the colonial powers. Such is the case of Somalia, which claims to represent a Somali nation carved up five ways in the late nineteenth century by Italy, Britain (two helpings), France and ... Ethiopia. Present-day Somalia comprises the former Italian and British Somaliland but not the Somali territory which Britain incorporated into Kenya, nor French Somaliland (Djibouti) nor yet, despite an attempt to seize it *manu militari* in 1977, the Ethiopian Ogaden. And since Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti are now all members of the OAU that is how things are likely to stay.

Morocco sees itself as a similar case, but has been rather more successful in asserting its claims by force. No one disputes that Morocco was partitioned between France and Spain in the early years of this century, and was reunited after independence. But the claim that the former Spanish Sahara was part of the Spanish zone of Morocco rather than a separate Spanish colony is much more dubious; and the Moroccan assertion that the International Court of Justice endorsed this claim does not gain in veracity from tireless repetition. What the Court in fact found was that whatever ill-defined ties existed in the past between the tribes of the Western Sahara and the Moroccan Sultan were insufficient to override the right of self-determination of the people of the territory.

Morocco further claims that an act of self-determination occurred in 1975 when the Tripartite Agreement, partitioning the territory between Morocco and Mauritania, was endorsed by a tribal assembly, the *djemaa*, which had previously been denounced by Morocco itself as an unrepresentative body entirely controlled by the Spanish authorities. The inadequacy of this claim was implicitly admitted in 1981 when King Hassan accepted the principle of a referendum to "verify" the wishes of the inhabitants.

By that time, however, a war had been in progress for five years between his troops and the guerrillas of the Polisario Front, fighting for independence. The latter claim that the majority of the population – some 160,000 – is now in refugee camps on Algerian territory, while many of those now living in the Moroccan-controlled towns are not native "Sahrawis" but Moroccan immigrants. Morocco counter-asserts that most of those in the refugee camps are not from Western Sahara at all, and that those who have moved into the territory from Morocco are Sahrawis who had earlier taken refuge there from Spanish persecution.

The resulting deadlock is not good either for Morocco, which despite her shotgun marriage with Colonel Gaddafi, now finds herself isolated in Africa, or for the OAU which loses an important founder member and gains a government-in-exile, with questionable credentials. Morocco still has friends in the Arab world and – though perhaps a little less confident since the Gaddafi affair – in the West. But even those friends do not formally recognise her sovereignty in the Western Sahara, and they do not – or should not – wish to make an enemy of the Sahrawi people, still less of Algeria which stands steadfastly behind it.

What they could best do for Morocco is offer help in finding a diplomatic solution. Could not Morocco and the Western Sahara be loosely joined in a Greater Maghreb (*Maghrib*, "the West", is actually the name of *Morocco in Arabic*) comprising also Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritania and if needs must Libya too, with King Hassan in a head-of-the-commonwealth role? That would surely be better than continued war and self-isolation.

ODDITIES IN THE STOCKPILE

A strategic mineral stockpile should not by definition be the plaything of short term political trimming; or so it might reasonably be thought. The government appears to believe otherwise. On Monday in answer to a parliamentary question the government announced that it intends to dispose of Britain's official reserve of vital industrial raw materials. But the stockpile was only started as recently as February of last year. What has changed?

The official answer is nothing. The government has not altered its strategic assessment of the possible disruption to supply from southern and central Africa of minerals such as cobalt, chrome, manganese and vandium which are believed to be in the stockpile. Nor have the requirements of industry, basically the British Steel Corporation, significantly changed.

The official explanation for the policy change is that the Department of Trade and Industry, which is charged with managing the stockpile in the national interest, can no longer accommodate the strategic reserve within its budget. Yet the abrupt announcement in February 1983 which set up the stockpile, after many years discussion on the *merits of* strategic stockpiles, owed at least as much to a sudden realization by the DTI that it would not otherwise spend its budget in that financial year as it did to a recognition of the importance of the issue. Public expenditure, it seems, is an infinitely adaptable argument.

It is hard to take the new version of the public expenditure argument at face value. The government says it spent £40m on buying the minerals and on associated administrative costs. Such a price for keeping three months supply of vital raw materials hardly looks excessive. Still harder to fathom is the official estimate of the value of the stockpile, which is to be sold through the market over a number of years. Strategic metal prices have at least doubled over the past 18 months; and yet the government says inexplicably that the market value of the stockpile is virtually unchanged at £40m.

The way in which the stockpile is being wound up is a fitting culmination to a story replete with oddities. It would seem that the government was never fully convinced of the need for such a stockpile (although the Ministry of Defence holds some materials for its own purposes). When the DTI did proceed, it found that its chosen metal broker, the reputable firm of Brandeis Goldschmidt (now Brandeis Instel), had been bought by Pechiney Ugine Kuhlman, a nationalized French company. Since there were plenty of British brokers anxious and able to do the business and France is spending on its stockpile far more than Britain ever contemplated, it was a strange choice.

The problem was heightened by the DTI's urgent need to spend the money. Acting on instructions Brandeis bought heavily in the market over a short period with the inevitable result that the taxpayers paid more than was necessary and Brandeis was commensurately rewarded. But even then the approach to the whole operation was rather half-hearted. With the best of intentions, £40m does not go far and certainly bears no comparison with the stockpile worth several billion dollars run by the United States General Services Administration.

Moreover, the main beneficiary in the event of an emergency would have been the Brtish Steel Corporation. Since BSC was not allowed to build up a strategic reserve on its own account the £40m fund was effectively disguised financing for the corporation. If there is a genuine case for a strategic mineral stockpile controlled by government – and countries as diverse as France, Japan and Korea seem to believe there is – it should not be subject to such arbitrary spending decisions as these have been.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Replacing pound in the pocket

From Mr S. Hodson-Pressinger

Sir, If the pound note is to be phased out altogether and we are to rely upon this unwelcome coin, may we see the immediate introduction of a £2 note?

It is to be hoped that Mr Lawson will view this as a temporary measure to help curb any inflationary tendencies precipitated by the premature acceptance of the £5 note as the lowest paper denomination.

Yours faithfully,
SELWYN HODSON-PRESSINGER,
16 Moore Street,
Chelsea, SW3.
November 13.

From Miss Mary E. Jelley

Sir, Now that we are stuck with these unpopular sovereigns could not the Chancellor arrange to lighten our load by taking a chunk of metal from the centre of these heavy coins?

It would also make them more distinguishable.

I, for one, would willingly sacrifice St. George and the dragon for a "hole in the mint", as it were.

Yours truly,
MARY E. JELLEY,
The Shepherd's Cottage,
Chute,
via Andover,
Hampshire.

From Mr R. J. Phillips

Sir, Leaving aside the merits and demerits of the £1 coin, one can only be surprised that with all the resources available to us today no one is, apparently, able to produce a material suitable for use as a £1 note that will stand up to the wear and tear to which it would be subjected.

Surely our inventive grandparents would be ashamed of us!

Yours etc,
R. J. PHILLIPS,
21 Bevendean Avenue,
Saltdean,
Sussex.

From Dr Jacqueline Mitton

Sir, Hurrah for £1 coins! At last I shall no longer have to beg for them from astonished shop assistants to avoid screwed-up handfuls of grimy green paper. Are the Chancellor and I really in a minority of two?

Yours faithfully,
JACQUELINE MITTON,
8a Canterbury Close,
Cambridge.
November 13.

From Mrs Marian Ladenburg

Sir, Why all the fuss? Did anyone ever object to the old sovereign?

Yours faithfully,
MARIAN LADENBURG,
Snell House,
Rowhook,
Near Horsham,
Sussex.

From Mr R. A. Lovick

Sir, It does seem ironic that the serial number of the most recent pound note pictured on today's back page (November 13) should begin "COIN."

Yours faithfully,
R. A. LOVICK,
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Hook Road,
Chessington,
Surrey.
November 13.

From Mr James R. Kenroy

Sir, Whose country is this? We want the £1 note.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES R. KENROY,
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Prinsted,
Near Emsworth,
Hampshire.

Medicine in the Forces

From the Chairman and members of the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties in the UK

Sir, The Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties has learned with dismay that the Armed Forces Medical Advisory Board (AFMAB) has been disbanded and that apparently there is no intention of replacing it.

Conference has always attached great importance to the AFMAB because we believe it plays an important role in the education, training and experience of doctors serving in the Armed Forces, and in facilitating access to the professional advice that the colleges and faculties can provide. It also offers to the colleges and faculties an opportunity to maintain contact with our colleagues in the Armed Forces.

We very much hope that the decision to disband the AFMAB will be reconsidered.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY SLANEY, President, Royal College of Surgeons of England (Chairman); THOMAS BEWLEY, President, Royal College of Psychiatrists; DONALD CAMPBELL, Dean, Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons; ROBERT CURRAN, President, Royal College of Pathologists; R. DUCKWORTH, Dean, Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons; JAMES FRASER, President, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; RONALD H. GIRDWOOD, President, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh; R. HOFFENBERG, President, Royal College of Physicians (London); J. G. KIRKER, President, Royal College of Physicians in Ireland; VICTOR LANE, President, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; JOHN LAWSON, President, Royal College of General Practitioners; R. I. McCALLUM, Dean, Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Royal College of Physicians; M. C. MACNAUGHTON, President, Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists; W. M. ROSS, President, Royal College of Radiologists; ALWYN SMITH, President, Faculty of Community Medicine; T. J. THOMSON, President, Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons (Glasgow).
Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties in the UK,
c/o Department of Pathology,
The Medical School,
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November 9.

The reference in a leading article about Ethiopia on Monday to the destruction of 70 per cent of Ethiopian churches should *have made clear that the figure applied to* only one Christian denomination in Ethiopia.

Getting to grips anew with spending

From the Director General of the Royal Institute of Public Administration

Sir, You rightly comment (leading article, November 8) on the deeply unsatisfactory knock-down and drag-out processes whereby, each year, aggregate departmental bids for shares of public expenditure are cut down to the total required by the Treasury. You go on to advocate, as though it were a new idea, the setting up of "a central unit specifically concerned with evaluating the functions of government right across departmental boundaries" and suggest that this unit should be located in the Treasury.

Might I remind you that until just over a year ago there was in existence a central unit whose tasks, in principle, included precisely that outlined above? The 1970 White Paper on the *Reorganization of Central Government* said that the new Central Policy Review Staff would, among other things, help to "establish the relative priorities to be given to the different sectors of (the Government's) programme as a whole". To this end it would play an important part in the public expenditure process.

The CPRS was abolished by the Prime Minister last year on the grounds not that it was failing to do the jobs for which it was set up (which was, by then arguably true), but that its purposes were being met satisfactorily in other ways (which was manifestly absurd).

Sooner or later, as is increasingly recognized, a unit will have to be recreated to do the jobs originally envisaged for the CPRS, including injecting more reason – or at least more and better analysis – into the public expenditure process. But this job certainly should not be performed, nor the unit located, in the Treasury.

Like finance departments everywhere, the Treasury has great influence and important tasks to perform, including managing the economy and controlling public spending. But the fact of these tasks, and the collective experience, skills and temperament derived from them, make the Treasury quite unsuitable and indeed incompetent to provide (in your words) "some reasoned ordering of economic and social priorities".

It was, for example, the Treasury's barely-disguised view that the programme analysis and review (PAR) process of the 1970s was a tool not for reviewing programmes, but for cutting down expenditure, that helped to discredit PAR in the eyes of the rest of Whitehall. In this case, as in so many others, we really ought to try to learn something from the lessons of the past – and to build on existing institutions, rather than constantly scrapping them and starting again.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM PLOWDEN,
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Royal Institute of Public Administration,
3 Birdcage Walk, SW1.

Left-wing clash

From Dr John Geekie and Dr Michael Keating

Sir, Philip Webster's "Clash of the left-wing clans" (feature, November 9), while generally well informed, astonished us in its assertion that the Labour Coordinating Committee (LCC) in Scotland "displays a hatred towards Militant of an unequivocal ferocity".

As members of the "soft left" who spent five years in the firing line while LCC connived and colluded with Militant, we certainly welcome their Pauline conversion; but if Militant do make their breakthrough no one will be more to blame than the LCC itself.

Consistently LCC (Scotland) has refused to support any action against the Militant Tendency, despite Militant campaigns of harassment, first against the Labour right, then against the centre and moderate left, until in several constituencies the awful truth has dawned that, along with some Trotskyist splinters (IMG etc) LCC now stands alone in the front line.

For years LCC (Scotland) has collaborated with Militant in Militant-dominated "Broad Left" caucuses in constituency Labour parties, thereby ensuring the success of Militant resolutions and the *election of Militant office bearers*, delegates and local government candidates.

For example, the militant-inspired attempt to displace James White, MP (Glasgow Pollok) on the eve of the 1983 general election (an unconstitutional manoeuvre after Militant had failed during reselection) was enthusiastically supported by LCC members.

LCC delegates to Glasgow District Labour Party have consistently opposed attempts to deal with Militant, for example by opposing the register of non-affiliated groups in the Labour Party. As a result of LCC activity and inactivity, Militant now has five members of Glasgow District Council.

George Galloway has compared the expulsion of one Militant member to the activities of "kangaroo courts ... more familiar in Tehran" and has defended the right of these "tendencies to remain in the party". The Scottish Executive of the Labour Party, in which LCC is the dominant influence, has also consistently opposed measures to expel "members on the basis of their socialist beliefs".

Of course, such tender concern for individual conscience on the part of Militant and the LCC does not extend to Labour right-wingers or even the "soft left", who have been subjected to McCarthyist campaigns of harassment and persecution.

So, with a combination of naivete and cynicism, LCC in Scotland have abetted the advance of Militant. Their naivete results from a – no doubt genuine – reaction against the expulsions and proscriptions of the 1950s and 1960s and from the innocent notion that there are no enemies on the left.

The cynicism stems from a belief that Militant would help purge the Labour Party of right-wingers, with the realisation dawning only too late that Militant despises reformist left-wingers even more than it hates unambiguous right-wingers.

We should emphasise, however, some similarities between LCC and Militant which make their collaboration more intelligible. Both share a democratic-centralist view of power, believing the party activists rather than the electorate to be the source of all political authority – hence the scorn poured on advocates of "one member, one vote" in constituency *affairs*.

Indeed, it is by effectively destroying the democratic option of opening constituency parties to the members, as well as by driving out independent-minded activists, that the LCC have ensured that in so many places they now stand alone against the Militant advance.

It may be a further sinister development or it may be merely pathetic that, in the Militant firing line, LCC is now desperately trying to make cabals with other Trotskyist groups such as the International Marxist Group and the Socialist Organiser Alliance which, encouraged by Militant's success, have recently entered the party.

Some day they might learn the lesson of all this. We hope that it will not be too late to save the Labour Party.

Yours etc,
JOHN GEEKIE,
MICHAEL KEATING,
21 Lethington Avenue,
Glasgow.

Gibraltar's EEC fears

From Councillor Michael J. Burnett

Sir, Your Correspondent's report (October 31) on the likely impact of Spain's entry to the EEC on Gibraltar covered some aspects of the profound changes which will be likely to occur in the territory's economy. There are, however, some other issues which seem to be unresolved in the negotiations.

The full acquisition by Spanish residents of the rights of an EEC citizen in Gibraltar will mean, firstly, that they have access, at an as yet undefined cost, to Gibraltar's medical services, which are free at the point of consumption.

Secondly, Spanish citizens will have the right to acquire title to property in Gibraltar thus leaving open the possibility of the acquisition of Gibraltar by Spain literally through purchase.

Thirdly Spanish citizens working in Gibraltar will acquire rights to social security benefits significantly more widespread than those in Spain, thus increasing the pressure on Gibraltar's highly taxed revenue base, already likely to be strained by increases in Gibraltarian unemployment arising from the commercialisation of the naval dockyard.

Two matters on which detailed agreement appears to have been reached in the negotiations are also a cause of concern. The right of Spanish residents to ply their trade in Gibraltar is likely to bring about the collapse of the orderly conduct of business activity through trade licensing.

Similarly, Spanish workers will have full access to the 11,000 jobs in the Gibraltar labour market after a seven-year transitional period. This could lead to high levels of unemployment in the territory without having any noticeable affect on unemployment in the Campo de Gibraltar, which currently stands at some 35 per cent. In short, the final terms of Spain's treaty of accession to the EEC are currently awaited only with apprehension in Gibraltar.

Yours sincerely,
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Nato's shield

From Air Commodore Alastair Mackie

Sir, Readers of Sir Patrick Wall's account (November 6) of Nato's problems, could be forgiven for mistaking it for a chairman's reproof to a troubled multinational corporation. Get your act together, he warns the European carteliers, or Moloch Inc will grab all the business.

Who makes which armaments is not what the industry, much less the North Atlantic Assembly, should be worrying about. For 36 years or so Nato has subsisted, and the arms trade has grown fat on, an exchange with the Warsaw Pact of ever more terrifying threats and the deployment of more and more weapons, almost all offensive, to counter them.

For Nato the result is a ruinous strategy centred on a land battle winnable only with a nuclear bludgeon. The alternatives the bludgeon poses are either that the politicians could not bring themselves to authorise its use, or, if they did, that it could blow up the world.

What the Assembly should address itself to is a shift from offence to defence: the adoption, that is, of the non-nuclear, non-provocative but wholly effective shield of weaponry now within the technical possibilities.

Apart from restoring Nato strategy to sanity and abating the mutual terror of East and West, the shift could ease Sir Patrick's concern. The arms industry would be slimmed down by the consequent economies; but the European component, applying its special design skills to the new devices needed, could expect a commanding lead over the US competition.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR MACKIE,
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November 6.

Equal chance for all pupils

From Mr W. R. Knight

Sir, Roger Scruton (October 30) sets great store by the opening of every institution to talent and the removal of institutional obstacles to individual success. I agree: all institutions, including educational ones, are likely to have a degree of inequality, discrimination and prejudice which must be addressed if they are to be truly open to talent.

Is Mr Scruton suggesting that these only occur in all-white institutions and never in a multiracial context? To argue such a distinction seems highly illogical. Worse, though, is the fact that in rehearsing his theories, he overlooks the practical realities of running an educational institution and the business of meeting the needs of children, the expectations of their parents and the demands of society.

The clear message I receive from teachers, advisers *and from parents themselves* is that their children do not attain if they are undervalued, if they are ignored, if the expectations of them are too low, or if they feel badly slighted. An obvious responsibility for education leaders, therefore, is to see that children are highly valued; that they are given attention; that high expectations are placed on them, and that they feel respected.

Young people cannot be divorced *from their background. Their* emotional ties are a critical factor in their development. In the context of a district such as Bradford, this means that young pupils originating from, say, the Indian sub-continent *will not attain* if there are hidden messages in society or a school telling them that their country, religion, customs, or the parents they respect and admire are deficient. Therefore, our task is to ensure that there are no such hidden messages.

These priorities sit four-square with the sound educational practice that forms the basis of all policy guidelines that we give the schools throughout this district and which is, I imagine, recognised as important in every part of the country.

This is Bradford's approach to *all* education, not just education in its multiracial aspects. Whatever Mr Scruton may deduce about the national picture, the diagnosis he offers, and which he implies is the way we tackle the issues in Bradford, has nothing to do with reality.

Yours faithfully,
W. R. KNIGHT,
Director of Educational Services,
City of Bradford Metropolitan Council,
Provincial House,
Bradford,
West Yorkshire.
November 7.

Turner prizewinner

From Mr Patrick Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, The Tate Gallery's announcement of an award of *£10,000* dedicated to the memory of Turner, aimed at rousing public interest in current British art, is a commendable idea.

The contemporary art trade in Britain is currently undergoing its worst season in years; therefore any award that attempts to bring the attention of the general public to new art in this country should not be condemned.

Mr Malcolm Morley, however, the recipient of the first Turner Prize, is an artist who has not lived or worked in this country for twenty years. Why then should such a prestigious award, made in the name of British art, go to a man who is better known in his adoptive land, America?

Would it not have been better to award the first Turner Prize to a person who has done something noticeable for contemporary art here in Britain?

Would it not also have been better for the committee to have chosen an artist whose work is more easily understandable and accessible to the *general public than that of Mr* Morley? The Tate, after all, has no work by Morley in its permanent collection.

I hope, Sir, for a better result next year.

Yours faithfully,
P. BOYD-CARPENTER,
Director,
The Church Gallery,
34 Bryanston Street, W1.
November 9.

Power of television

From Mr E. B. Salisbury

Sir, Mr John Whitney, Director General of the Independent Television Authority, is reported (November 9) as saying that a direct cause-and-effect relationship between violent television programmes and juvenile behaviour is "nonsense".

I wonder if he has come to the same conclusion regarding the cause-and-effect relationships with reference to television advertising and the consumer?

I doubt it.

Yours faithfully,
E. B. SALISBURY,
51 York Avenue,
Crosby,
Liverpool,
November 12.

Fully entitled?

From Mr William Callaghan

Sir, Mrs Quest-Ritson (November 10) asks at what age one should address one's son as "Esquire". My rule of thumb has been to add the title from the time they have first addressed me as "squire". Thus I have first employed it on the envelope containing the card for their eighth, and at latest eleventh, birthday.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM CALLAGHAN,
13 Wharncliffe Close,
Hoyland,
Barnsley,
South Yorkshire.
November 10.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 14: His Excellency Citoyen Mukamba Kadiata Nzemba was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Zaire to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following Members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Citoyen Muanda Ndimba (Second Counsellor), Citoyen Bosolo Efeka (First Secretary), Citoyen Molebe Mampela (Second Secretary), Citoyen Kandala Tshiyaze (Attaché [Tin Affairs]), Citoyen Bula-Bula Osumba (Attaché [Coffee Affairs]) and Colonel Bakatamba Bena Malu (Military Attaché).

Citoyenne Mukumba had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Viscount de L'Isle had the honour of being received by The Queen and delivered up his Gold Badge and Chain upon the relinquishment of his appointment as Chancellor of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

Mr D. J. S. Hancock (Permanent Secretary, Department of Education and Science) had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The President of the Republic of Finland and Mrs Koivisto visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace today and remained to luncheon.

The following had the honour of being invited: His Excellency Mr Paavo Vayrynen (Foreign Minister of Finland), His Excellency the Finnish Ambassador and Mrs Pastinen, the Right Hon Timothy Raison, MP and Mrs Raison, the Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, the Hon Anthony and Mrs Cayzer, Sir James and Lady Richards, Mr and Mrs Alan Brooke Turner, Mr and Mrs David Scholey, Mr Christopher Dean, Miss Jayne Torvill, Dr and Mrs Michael Branch, Mr and Mrs Colin Chandler, Mr Stephen Oliver and Mr and Mrs James Stirling.

Her Majesty invested The President of the Republic of Finland with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, this evening honoured the Commonwealth High Commissioners with her presence at dinner at Marlborough House.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received upon arrival by His Excellency Mr Shridath Ramphal (Commonwealth Secretary-General) and Mrs Ramphal and His Excellency Mr G. M. Mamba (High Commissioner for Swaziland) and Mrs Mamba.

The Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association today attended the National Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Association at the Conference Centre, National Agricultural Centre, Kenilworth, where Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire (Mr Charles Smith-Ryland).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Andrew Feilden, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor of the University of London, this evening attended the Foundation Day Celebrations at the Logan Hall, Institute of Education, London, WC1, where The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, was received upon arrival by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Professor Radolph Quirk).

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 14: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince of Wales.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Disability, this afternoon attended a presentation on "The Primary Prevention of Disability in Early Life" organized by the National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases at Glaziers Hall, London SE1.

Mr David Roycroft was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 14: Princess Alexandra was present this evening at a Concert given by the Royal Philharmonic Society, as part of the Elgar-Holst-Delius commemoration, at the Royal Festival Hall.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Peter Phillips, son or Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips, is seven years old today.

A memorial service for Mr Leonard Rossiter will be held today at noon at St Paul's, Covent Garden.

The Hon Robin and Mrs Borwick much regret that they were unable to attend the memorial serivce for Dr Molly Cotton.

Birthdays today

Mr Daniel Barenboim, 42; Sir Geoffrey Chandler, 62; Miss Petula Clark, 50; Mr Andre Deutsch, 67; Professor Peter Dickenson, 50; Sir Hugh Greene, 74; Mr Hamish Hamilton, 84; Mr Averell Harriman, 93; Miss Ceris Jones, 78; Mr Gregor MacKenzie, MP, 57; Mr D. D. Rea Smith, 65; Mr Alwyn Robinson, 55; Major-General J. K. Shepheard, 76; Sir Sacheverell Sitwell, CH, 87; Sir Roger Young, 61.

Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh

At the annual meeting of the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh held in The Merchants' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, November 8, 1984, Mr Charles Drever Paterson was elected as Master and Mr Michael James Walker was elected as treasurer of the company. Mr William McDonald was re-elected secretary.

Marriages

Lord Glamis
and Miss I. C. Weatherall
The Queen was present at the reception held at St James's Palace yesterday after the marriage, which was attended by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Gloucester, of Lord Glamis, only son of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne, of Glamis Castle, Forfar, Angus, and Miss Isobel Charlotte Weatherall, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Anthony Weatherall, of Cowhill, Dumfries. Prince Georg of Denmark was also present. Canon Garth Turner officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Master of Elphinstone, Alexander Leschalles, Archie and Poppy Keswick, Gemma Soames and Lily Jencks.

Mr I. M. R. Hole
and Mrs C. V. Holbrook
The marriage took place in Warwick on Friday, November 2, between Mr Iain Hole and Mrs Carol Holbrook.

Lieutenant-Colonel L. H. Purton
and Mrs S. Chapple
The marriage took place on November 3 at St Nicholas's Church, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, between Lieutenant-Colonel Humphrey Purton and Mrs Ruth Deane Chapple, widow of Stanley Chapple, of Torrington, Devon.

Mr R. P. B. Sonnex
and Miss N. E. P. Thrush
The marriage took place in Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, November 10, between Mr Richard Peter Baughen Sonnex, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Sonnex, of Ubbeston, Suffolk, and Miss Naomi Elizabeth Peta Thrush, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Thrush, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Luncheons

Lord Foot
Lord Foot sponsored a luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday given by Mr Arthur Hoole, President of the Law Society, for members of the Solicitors' All Party Parliamentary Group. Among those present were:
Viscount Brentford, Lord Carnock, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, Lord Evans of Claughton, Lord Fletcher, Lord Hacking, Lord Hale, Lord Kaberry of Adel, Lord Mishcon, Lord Nathan, Lord Noel-Buxton, Lord Rathcreedan, Lord Wrenbury, Sir Walter Clegg, MP, Sir Reginald Eyre, MP, Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mr Spencer Batiste, MP, Mr Bill Cash, MP, Mr Tony Favell, MP, Mr Cecil Franks, MP, Mr Brynmor John, MP, Mr Humfrey Malins, MP, Mr Patrick Nicholls, MP, Mr Richard Ottaway, MP, Mr David Sumberg, MP, Mr John Taylor, MP, Mr John Watson, MP, Mr John Whitfield, MP, Mr C A B Leslie (vice-president of the society), Mr John Bowron (secretary-general) and members of the council.

Electrical Association for Women
The diamond jubilee luncheon of the Electrical Association for Women took place at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. The president, Lady Westbury, was in the chair. The speakers were the Earl of Avon and Mr T. P. Jones, Chairman of The Electricity Council, who proposed the toast to the EAW to which the Dowager Countess De La Warr, patron of the EAW, responded.

The Royal College of Surgeons
Professor Sir Geoffrey Slaney, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college, Mr G. W. Rowley, Mr D. B. Vaughan and Mr R. M. Kirk.



The President of Finland receiving the first of a limited edition of Wedgwood "Times Bicentenary" plates from Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, the owner of *The Times*, during a visit to the newspaper's offices in London yesterday. Later the President and Mrs Koivisto went to Buckingham Palace for luncheon with the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Dinners

Lord Marshall of Leeds
Lord Marshall of Leeds was host at a dinner of the Durbar Club held last night at the House of Lords Mr Patrick Jenkin, MP was the chief guest and speaker. Mr Narindar Saroop, chairman of the club, presided.

Royal Marines
General P. X. Kelley, Commandant United States Marine Corps, was the principal guest at a dinner given by officers of the Royal Marines at Lympstone last night.

International Chamber of Commerce
The annual dinner of ICC United Kingdom, the UK affiliate of the International Chamber of Commerce, was held last night at Grosvenor House.

National Liberal Club
Lord Banks, President of the National Liberal Club, presided at a dinner held last night to celebrate the centenary of the club. The guests of honour were Mr David Steel, MP, Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, and Mr Alan Watson.

King's School Bruton

The Governors of King's School, Bruton, have appointed Mr A. H. Beadles as the next headmaster, in succession to Mr G. H. G. Doggart, who retires in July, 1985.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. C. P. Angwin
and Miss K. Vincent
The engagement is announced of Roderick, second son of Mr Colin Angwin and the late Mrs Angwin, of East Sheen, London, and Kate, daughter of Mr R. Vincent, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Mrs G. Steele, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr M. K. Bird
and Miss H. E. Ramage
The engagement is announced between Michael Kenneth, eldest son of Mr and Mrs K. E. Bird, of Little Hadham, Hertfordshire, and Heather Eileen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. W. Ramage, of Wimbledon, London, SW19.

Mr G. E. H. Brooksbank
and Miss N. J. Newton
The engagement is announced between George, younger son of Mr and Mrs S. G. Brooksbank, of Rock Hill House, Hambledon, Surrey, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. A. F. Newton, of Broadhurst Wood, Balcombe, West Sussex.

Mr C. S. T. Burke, III
and Miss H. V. N. McCormick-Goodhart
The engagement is announced between Taylor, eldest son of Mr C. S. T. Burke, jr, and Mrs J. Burke, of Alexandria, Virginia, United States and Henrietta, daughter of Mrs L. McCormick-Goodhart and the late Commander Leander McCormick-Goodhart, of Bellapais, Alexandria, Virginia, United States.

Mr R. E. Cole
and Miss L. E. Bushell
The engagement is announced between Rupert, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Cole, of Epsom Downs, Surrey, and Lindsay, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. D. C. Bushell, of Ewell, Surrey.

Mr M. R. Dalrymple
and Miss S. E. ap Rees
The engagement is announced betweeen Mark Robert, second son of Mr Lennox Dalrymple and the late Mrs Dalrymple, of Colney Heath, Hertfordshire, and Siân Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Garth ap Rees, of Rockledge, Mamaroneck Avenue, Harrison, New York 10528, United States.

Mr R. M. Gordon Clark
and Miss E. A. P. Day
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the Rev John and Mrs Gordon Clark, of Guildford, Surrey, and Lisa, daughter of Mr Michael Day, OBE, and Mrs Day, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

Dr D. G. B. Hamilton
and Miss C. A. Akkermans
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, eldest son of Dr and Mrs D. S. Hamilton, of Warrington, Cheshire, and Christine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Akkermans, of Aldsworth, near Emsworth, Hampshire, formerly of Singapore.

Mr P. G. Oughton
and Miss C. Bridges
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. Oughton, of 10 Cavendish House, Chertsey Road, Twickenham, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. R. Bridges, of Whitehaven, Hill Lane, Kingswood, Surrey.

Mr R. M. Perfect
and Miss H. C. Passey
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs P. R. Perfect, of London, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. S. Passey, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr G. A. Ray
and Miss C. J. Evans.
The engagement is announced between Graham Alan, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Ray, of Aldreth, Cambridgeshire, and Camilla Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Brian Evans, of Llandinam, Powys.

Mr N. B. Shiner
and Miss F. J. Murray
The engagement is announced between Niall, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B. E. Shiner, of The Culver House, Amberley, Gloucestershire, and Fiona, younger daughter of the late Major P. C. Murray, RE, and of Mrs C. Murray and stepdaughter of Mr C. Murray, of Brooklands Close, Painswick, Gloucestershire.

Mr J. D. Sleath
and Miss L. M. James
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Duncan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Sleath, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Lysbeth Mandi, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs J. M. James, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr C. H. B. Thomson
and Miss C. E. H. Mandria
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs J. A. B. Thomson, of Antioch House, Stalbridge, Dorset, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Mandrila, of Sceaux, France.

Mr D. J. M. Trafford
and Miss S. V. Ffooks
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Trafford, of Tismans, Rudgwick, Sussex, and Stephanie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Ffook, of Tittlesfold Farm, Billingshurst, Sussex.

Memorial service

Dr M. Aylwin Cotton
A memorial service for Dr M. Aylwin Cotton was held yesterday at the University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square. Prebendary Eric Tinker officiated. Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, President of the British Academy, and Mr Desmond O'Kelly, Chairman of Albany Trustee Company, read the lessons

Lecture

Action for Dysphasic Adults
The second annual Mary Law Memorial Lecture was given yesterday at the Royal Society of Arts by Professor Lindsay McLellan, Southampton University. Sir Roger Falk, Chairman of ADA, presided, accompanied by the president, Miss Diana Law.

Science report

Antibody to Niven's disease being tested

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

When David Niven the actor, died, attention was focused on the incurable illness he had which causes a steady deterioration and weakness of the muscles and of mental ability.

The name of the condition, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS for short, has also affected other famous people such as the composer Shostakovich, Ezzard Charles, the boxing champion, and Charlie Mingus, the jazz musician.

The condition presents a particular challenge to neuroscientists because it is one of three of the degenerative diseases which come with aging of the nervous system, but for which effective treatments are still needed.

The other two are Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease.

For some reason groups of nerve cells in the spinal chord and the brain die, although there are no signs of inflammation of tissue, which could be caused by infection, or interruption to the blood supply. The areas where there were formerly nerve cells become scarred tissue.

In most people the nerve cells which trigger the movement of muscles, motor neurons, are regenerated if they have been damaged by normal bodily wear and tear, or in an accident. In ALS victims there is no regeneration.

Now a group of scientists at the Neurology and Brain Research Institute of the University of Chicago have detected in the blood serum of some ALS patients a substance that stops neurons regrowing.

The research by a group working with Dr Mark Gurney, has found a substance, which is an antibody, or one of the thousands of different molecules which the body's defence system produces normally to neutralize a harmful invader such as an infectious bacterium or virus, or a poison.

The action of the substance, which prevents growth of motor nerve cells, was tested in the laboratory on muscle tissue taken from mice. Their report is only a preliminary finding from a few patients, and is being pursued by other groups for confirmation.

Source: *New England Journal of Medicine* (vol 311, no 15, 1984).

OBITUARY

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR WILLIAM MacDONALD

Administration of Cyprus Sovereign Bases

Air Chief Marshal Sir William MacDonald GCB, CBE, DFC who has died at the age of 75 will chiefly be remembered as the first Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekilia, 1960-62, duties which he assumed after Cyprus became an independent republic. He was then AOC-in-C Middle East Air Force, a post he had held since 1958.

As Adminstrator, responsible directly to the Secretary of State for Air (Mr George Ward), he was empowered to make laws for the peace, order and good government of the areas. After returning to the UK from Cyprus he was appointed Air Secretary, a post he held until his retirement from the RAF in 1966.

He then became Regional Director of Civil Defence for the north Midlands Region from 1967.

William Laurence Mary MacDonald was born in Eire on August 11 1908 and educated at St Finbar's and Castleknock Colleges. He joined the RAF in 1929, and thereafter served as a flying instructor in the UK and Middle East. While in Palestine (1936-38) he was the High Commissioner's pilot.

This largely routine existence was shattered by the outbreak of the Second World War and particularly by the cataclysmic events in France in 1940. In these he was directly involved, having been given command in 1938 of No 150 Squadron, one of the ill-fated Fairey Battle light bomber squadrons sent to France in 1939 as part of the Advanced Air Striking Force, with such disastrous consequences.

In February 1940 he was awarded the DFC for his part in bombing operations.

By the end of the war, in which he rose to the rank of Air Commodore and became Air Officer Administrator at HQ No 84 Group in the 2nd Tactical Air Force, he had been twice mentioned in despatches and in the 1946 New Year Honours was made CBE. He was also made Chevalier, Légion d'Honneur, and awarded the Croix de Guerre.

His immediate post-war appointment was that of Commandant, Central Flying School (1946-48); he also served on exchange duties with the USAF (1948-50) and was AOC RAF Singapore (1952-54) and Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Intelligence) (1954-58) before taking up his MEAF appointment.

From 1965 until his retirement he was an Air ADC to the Queen. He had been made CB in 1956, KCB in 1959 and GCB in 1965.

In 1939 he had married Diana Challacombe, who died in 1964. They had a son and a daughter.

HANS MILCHSACK

F. K. R. and F. G. write:

Hans Milchsack, who died suddenly in Düsseldorf last week at the age of 80, was the devoted husband of Dame Lilo Milchsack, Hon DCMG and Hon CBE, the creator and continual inspirer of the Anglo-German Königswinter Conference, which has been an annual event for 35 years.

He himself had important business interests which enabled him to give financial as well as personal support to Königswinter and to the work of the Anglo-German Society.

At some personal risk he had distanced himself from other German businessmen who at a famous meeting with Hitler some 50 years ago were asked to pledge support to the Nazis.

In this and other ways he and his wife showed their strong democratic principles, and it was fitting that they were among the first Germans to be asked to take a lead in re-creating local democratic institutions in the Düsseldorf region when American troops first crossed the Rhine in 1945.

After the war, Hans Milchsack, a quiet and modest man, was the unfailing supporter and helpmeet of his wife in her remarkable work of fostering understanding between the British and German peoples. His discreet, but always welcoming presence at the Königswinter meetings, especially those held at the little Rhineland village which gives the conference its name, will be remembered and cherished by many British guests.

FRANK ARTHUR

H. R. F. K. writes:

Arthur Frank Ebert MBE, who died recently, was the author under the name Frank Arthur of a handful of crime novels notable for their atmosphere set in the Fiji Islands with as hero Inspector Spearpoint.

Arthur was a man of enormous and quietly charming modesty, a quality which may have been the reason his books failed to make the impact they might have done. But the best of them, *Confession to Murder*, (1974), a first-person account of how the narrator's adulterous wife met her end, was written with such quiet intensity that Arthur had to issue after its publication a disclaimer that it was based on his own experience, deserves certainly to live on.

He wrote also a novel, *Abandoned Woman*, about Lucy Walter, the Duke of Monmouth's mother, and five plays, of which *The Willsons of Lewis'm* was produced in London in 1949.

Born in 1902, Arthur was a clerk in a leather factory from 1919 to 1927 and in 1928 went to the Fiji Islands as an accountant. From 1939 to 1967 he served in the Ministeries of Food and Agriculture.

He was Vice-Chairman (1963-75) of the Society of Civil Service Authors and its Vice-President from 1975 and Honorary Librarian of the Crime Writers Society from 1969 to 1976.

He married Eileen Reynolds Clarkson in 1929 and she predeceased him in 1974.

PROFESSOR PAUL DIRAC

Dr P. Goddard and Professor J. C. Taylor write:

Your obituary of P. A. M. Dirac (October 25) justly stressed his outstanding contribution to quantum theory in the years 1925 to 1933. But perhaps the very emphasis on this work tends, by comparison, to make one lose sight of the extraordinary perfection of nearly all his writings.

His later work on such topics as the theory of magnetic monopoles, the dynamics of constrained systems, extended models of elementary particles and steps towards a quantum theory of gravity did not have the same immediate impact as his great contributions to the development quantum theory.

But, as time goes by, physicists have come more and more to appreciate the importance of the later work. An example of this is the great interest in the last ten years in the possible existence of magnetic monopoles. Dirac's 50-year-old work on this subject relates closely to the most recent ideas on unified theories of the fundamental forces of nature.

THE ARTS

Dance: John Percival in Paris

Youth still rising to Nureyev's challenge

Rudolf Nureyev's second year in charge of the Ballet de l'Opéra has begun with programmes as diverse as those he offered for his first season. The one common factor in his choice of choreographers and ballets is that they will stretch the dancers. His own *Romeo and Juliet* had its house première on the opening night, with Patrick Dupond and Monique Loudières a notably strong-willed pair of lovers sharing the honours with Cyril Atanassoff's broodily sinister Tybalt.

The small claque that always boos Nureyev on first nights, sitting grouped at the back of the stalls, had to wait until the final curtain when he took a call as choreographer. Their attempted demonstration, overwhelmed anyway by the applause, was quickly shamed into silence by laughter when Nureyev smilingly made the sign against the evil eye.

He held back his own first appearance of the season until a matinée and then cast himself as Mercutio: a highly witty, robust and nimble account of the part, even playing the death scene for laughs almost to the end, as if he did not believe how serious his wound was (in contrast to the role's French interpreters, who went all out for pathos). Charles Jude, happily recovered from the injury that interrupted his Covent Garden performances earlier this year, made a whole-heartedly romantic Romeo alongside Nureyev's Mercutio and Jean Guizerix's powerful Tybalt, but Florence Clerc was too sweetly innocent for Juliet at least at this first attempt.

Once again Nureyev has cast several of the young dancers in prominent roles, notably Stéphane Prince (a rapidly developing talent) as both Benvolio and Paris, Laurent Hilaire also as Paris and Wilfred Romoli another Benvolio. The physical production is borrowed from La Scala, Milan: a more opulent reworking by Ezio Frigerio of the designs originally made for Festival Ballet. In this version (which some readers will have seen on television) the great columns look like polished black marble, the brick walls glow a pale honey colour.

There could hardly be a greater contrast than that between this big-scale dramatic spectacle and the season's first creation, *Premier Orage*. This has choreography by Lucinda Childs, maintaining the lively, stripped-down modern classicism that has become her trademark, but building it this time on music by Shostakovich instead of composers such as Philip Glass and John Adams whom she has previously favoured.

The main part of the ballet is the First Piano Concerto, with its almost equally important solo part for trumpet, but there is a prologue to the Pastorale and Capriccio by Scarlatti which Shostakovich orchestrated. Set respectively for six men and seven women, they are presented simply as sprightly patterns of pure dance, based on only two or three steps but intricate in the way they spread their repeating patterns this way and that way across the stage, expanding and contracting.

The concerto is danced by two principals, another pair of soloists, and an ensemble varying in size from nine up to 15. At first the patterns remain purely formal, but then a darkening of the stage and the introduction of a gauze drop-curtain to separate the principals brings an emotional implication I have not seen before in Childs's work – perhaps the "first storm" of the title, drawn from a poem ("Music") dedicated by Anna Akhmatova to Shostakovich.

That is not the only surprise in the ballet. It comes as a slight shock, for instance, to find Jean Guizerix's solos set to the piano, while Elisabeth Platel dances to the trumpet. That reversal of gender expectations, however, works well in practice; it brings out an attractive humour in his dancing and suits the sharp clarity of hers.

The patterns and procedures of the ballet are a development of what Childs has done for her own modern-dance company; the steps are those of classical ballet, the women in pointe shoes – a programme note explains that they told her it would be easier for them, and she thought, why not?

The total effect is an unusually lively and attractive work, constantly compelling attention by its subtle variations on repeated patterns, with several of the Opéra's brightest young talents (notably Isabelle Guérin in the second movement) well displayed in the ensemble. Roberto Plate, who usually works with the T.S.E. theatre group, has designed a setting with patterns of lines on a light background, varied by changes of lighting, that reinforce the effect.

The dancers look more at home in *Premier Orage*, where the demands are mostly physical, than they did in Paul Taylor's stylistically more complex *Rite of Spring* last season. That treatment of Stravinsky's piano score is succeeded, in the same programme as Childs's work, by Maurice Béjart's thrilling production of the full orchestral score, in which another of the young dancers, Eric Vu An, scored a special success.

Completing the bill was a revival of Serge Lifar's *Icare*, an attempt by Nureyev to give back to the Opéra something of its own history. In 1935 it was seen as a manifesto of the young Lifar's revolutionary aims: imposing a "neo-classic" manner of movement and dictating his own rhythms to the luckless conductor Georges Szyfer for a score using only percussion (in which, it now appears, he had the assistance of Honegger, but anonymously because the latter was under contract to Ida Rubinstein's rival company).

Nowadays the ballet looks very old-fashioned, with its groups of mocking young women and young men (four of each) spinning or jumping around as background to pad out what is virtually an extended solo for Icarus with Daedalus as his dresser and property man. People who saw Lifar in his prime – he was 30 when he made the ballet – tell me that his personal magnetism made it credible, but it needs an effort of imagination to see anything in the ballet now.

Perhaps if you could take the physical beauty that Charles Jude brings to the role, the pliancy with which he yearns, aspires, soars and falls, and his exceptional elevation in grands jetes, and combines those qualities with the dramatic intensity and powerful drive that Patrick Dupond brings to the part, we might come near to the original effect.

Picasso's designs, added to the ballet for a 1962 revival, seem somewhat perfunctory, with their matchstick figures waving or drowning, and the backdrop that is raised and lowered, to reveal an upside-down figure in the yellow sky, won a few giggles when it made a false entry on the first night.

That programme has further performances on Saturday (matinée and evening), November 22 and 26. *Romeo and Juliet* returns for a solid run of four weeks at the Palais des Congrès throughout next April. The next ballet production at the Opéra is a new *Swan Lake*, produced by Nureyev with designs by Frigerio, for première on December 22, but meanwhile the company's *Commedia dell'arte* programme will be given at the Opéra-Comique (December 3-17) and the experimental group has a programme of new works, including one by Michael Clark, at the Pompidou Centre (December 10-16).



The young stars of Paris: Patrick Dupond (left) bringing power and intensity to Romeo, and Charles Jude as Icare

Carmen
Churchill, Bromley

London City Ballet won itself a lot of publicity when the Princess of Wales, the company's patron, went to Oslo to see the première of its *Carmen* last season. But after that, because of injuries and other problems, reviewers from London were asked not to see the ballet until it reached the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, on Tuesday – itself a surprisingly adventurous journey, with British Rail apologizing for my train's lateness caused by a pack of hounds crossing the line.

The assets of this production are that it tells a familiar, exciting story to familiar music in front of colourful, pretty decors by Jenny Blincow. Its weaknesses are that it is essentially a derivative piece, throwing absolutely no new light on the plot or characters, and that the most vital character remains a pale, unemphatic figure.

Kim Miller as Carmen dances with competent energy, strokes her legs suggestively, throws a rose provocatively. But there is no great allure or mystery in her performance; at her first entry it is only the curious fact that her skirt consists of ribbons that distinguishes her from the other women on stage with smokily darkened faces, conscientiously twirling their hips and rolling their eyes.

The male roles fare better, with Nigel Spencer as Don José progressing from an unconvincing naivety at the beginning to a frenzied despair at the end, and Carl Morrow a handsome, sexually complacent Escamillo. The rest of the small company, reinforced by some tiny tots from the Doreen Bird College, play their parts enthusiastically.

The plot follows the opera closely, and Leonard Salzedo has arranged Bizet's music tactfully into an instrumental version for small orchestra. Harold King's production relies on the audience's familiarity with the action: you would never tell, for instance, the content of José's scenes with Micaëla (who is very sentimentally presented) from what you see on stage.

King's choreography is best in comic incidents at the edge of the action; presumably because of that, he has had the main duets staged by Michael Beare, who is not afraid of bold lifts and gestures. Everyone works hard, but to very modest effect.

J.P.

Television

Sink or sing

There was bravery, which is inevitably on the edge of foolhardiness, on the part of the English National Opera and Chris Serle in last night's **In at the Deep End** on BBC1. Mr Serle, whose musical career had hitherto been limited to the Tuffnell Park Tavern and his sojourn as drummer with the Crouch End All Stars jazz band, was essaying to make an operatic début as the aged butler Potapytch in Prokofiev's *The Gambler*, and the company agreed to let him try.

Mr Serle gave evidence of his vocal capacity initially with a rendering of "Won't you come home, Bill Bailey", and the faces of the auditioners, who included Lord Harewood, the company's managing director, and its vocal consultant, Mr Denis Dowling, were a study of incredulousness. But opera breeds stamina and Mr Serle was moved on for coaching.

He was inordinately lucky here, having specific advice from Sir Geraint Evans, whose response to his charge's attempt at "Non più andrai", from *The Marriage of Figaro*, was "You did sound pretty bloody actually", which formed the basis of what proved to be a fairly fruitful as well as frank relationship.

Mr Serle's progress was hindered by his falling from his motor-cycle and breaking a foot but he made it to a one-night stand at the London Coliseum and did well enough not to have the curtain brought down prematurely.

Budding singers, of course, do not normally have the services of Sir Geraint nor general advice from such people as the late Tito Gobbi, Sir Georg Solti, Jonathan Miller and a veteran character singer such as Eric Shilling, who would sing Potapytch when Mr Serle had retired.

The Crouch End All Stars are in no danger of losing a drummer. We got a funny and educative programme, and the English National Opera gained a prime-time demonstration that should have excited the curiosity of any who thought that opera was just for stuffed shirts. Nick Handel was the happy producer.

On BBC 2 there was **Oxbridge Blues**, the first of seven plays adapted by Frederic Raphael from his short stories. This one, written with much mandarin wit which occasionally tripped over itself, concerned two brothers with high and low degrees and their careers and marital fates. It ran very well for half its time after which the plot proved too fragile for the altitudinal dialogue and dropped away to leave us with an Oxbridge wife swap.

It was, however, extremely well acted by Ian Charleson and Malcolm Stoddard as the brothers, Rosalyn Landor and Amanda Redman as their wives, Michael Elphick as a film producer and Diane Keen as his "lady". James Cellan Jones produced and directed and, despite the reservations, Mr Raphael will undoubtedly be worth staying with.

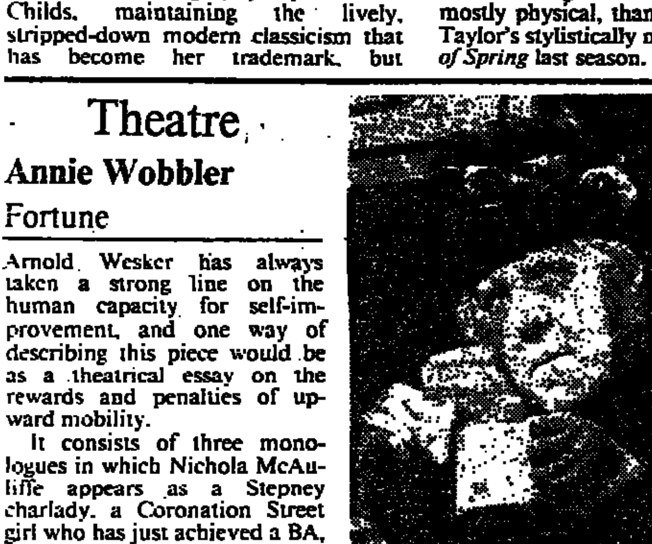
Dennis Hackett

Theatre

Annie Wobbler
Fortune

Arnold Wesker has always taken a strong line on the human capacity for self-improvement, and one way of describing this piece would be as a theatrical essay on the rewards and penalties of upward mobility.

It consists of three monologues in which Nichola McAuliffe appears as a Stepney charlady, a Coronation Street girl who has just achieved a BA, and a prize-winning lady novelist. Annie, Anna and Annabella all wobble in different ways. One is obsessed by her own nonentity, one is in the process of becoming (shades of Webster's Beattie Bryant) and the third has become somebody. What takes you aback is the fact that old Annie, who sees herself literally as nothing, possesses a strongly memorable character, while the celebrated Annabella has no continuous personality and spends her scene in trying out different character masks in preparation for an interview.



Nichola McAuliffe: stunning transformations

Whether or not Wesker intended that irony, it evidently relates to the fact that Annie – unlike her companions – derives from his memories of the East End and the spirit of indignation that coloured his early sketches of Brick Lane and Fashion Street. "Give me a landmark I can boast of to the world. I shall soon weary of writing about ugliness." The destitute Annie embodies that challenge.

Swabbing out the kitchen of a poor Jewish family, a lifetime's references tucked into a pocket of her ragged underskirt along with her enamel mug and plate, she is a menial through and through, never questioning her place at the bottom of the rubbish heap.

Her poor old mind jumps from one thing to another as she pokes about in the food cupboard and boils a pail of water on the stove; but what comes through – and what touches the emotions in Miss McAuliffe's performance – is the fact that she has been driven on from job to job by the intolerable sense of being unfit for any continuous human contact. "Rub me out, draw me again", she says. "I was full of holes: I had to leave."

Wesker does not give her a theatrical pretext for addressing us, but the force and reality of the character silences technical quibbles. Anna and Annabella do have a theatrical pretext (one is addressing her mirror, the other a tape-recorder), but they have precious little else.

With those two, theme displaces character and there is no longer much to care about. For Miss McAuliffe, of course, there is the chance of stunning transformations from a shapeless old heap of rags into a suspender-belted seductress and eminently enigmatic artist; all of which she dispatches with a virtuoso flourish and intricate individual detail that are themselves a great pleasure to watch.

Otherwise, the bones of Wesker's argument are conspicuously lacking in dramatic flesh. Anna's scenes consist of a debate on brains versus body and nothing Miss McAuliffe does at her make-up table can disguise the improbability of her rehearsing this stale sexist debate in relation to an unseen boyfriend whom she describes in terms that would drive such a girl straight into a single bed with a mug of cocoa.

As for Annabella, switch as she may between the roles of low and high status interview subject, all that comes through is yet another Weskerian complaint on the British public's hostility to message.

Irving Wardle

The Way of the World
Haymarket

London has waited nearly 15 years to see Maggie Smith again in Restoration comedy. Very sad; but it has been worth the wait. From Millamant's first entrance, announcing that she has "denied herself airs today" while indulging herself in an outrageous pout over her right shoulder, everything we loved her for is still there: the wildly unpredicatable gestures, the shamelessly nasal timbre, and the high-comedy technique that can turn the most innocent line to gold.

And that sudden vulnerability that roots wit in its proper place, emotion. William Gaskill's production, partly recast since its Chichester opening, is a pretty affair that draws comedy and melodrama together into a fairly unthreatening experience. But it throws into powerful relief the dilemmas of the women at the play's heart – at the mercy of fortune-hunters, unkind husbands or their own desires.

Valuing her liberty and privacy, scorning men's arrogance yet loving one man supremely, Millamant has a hard course to steer in life; but Miss Smith's sudden warmth and softness for the famous proviso scene, just what you never expected, show what all the brilliant charade was for. And Michael Jayston's Mirabell, for all his incorrigible male faults, is genial, sane and very much in love.

Similarly, Joan Plowright tempers Lady Wishfort's outrageous comedy with genuine feeling, blossoming pathetically at a suitor's approach. But the other great collector's performance is John Moffatt's Witwoud, a harmless old bitch got up like a coffee meringue, whose lines have never enjoyed more flawless touch and timing.

The cast's new arrivals include both the villains: Frank Barrie making a magisterially suave Fainall, showing periodic glimpses of his desperate need to survive, and a splendid but rather overdone Bad Fairy in Margaret Whiting's Marwood. And the Sir Wilful, James Grout, is unusually endearing, good-heartedly attempting to cope with London guile and drawing some of Miss Smith's finest comic playing in their ludicrous interview.

It looks gorgeous, with Hayden Griffin's discreetly oppressive panelled set embellished with Grinling Gibbons carvings and some bold as well as delicate costume designs by Deirdre Clancy that show an odd kinship between the Restoration frock and the geometric skirts of Minos.

In contrast to John Barton's RSC production, the play's darker corners are barely glimpsed; instead, it leaves an impression that is heartening, genial and humane. And, with Miss Smith's delicious mischief, *who is going to quarrel?*

Anthony Masters

● The Lille Festival is in progress and runs until December 6, covering music, theatre, opera and jazz. Among the visitors will be three specialists in baroque repertoire, Christopher Hogwood, Ton Koopman and Jean-Claude Malgoire.

Among the other visitors are the Grimethorpe Colliery Band, who, supplemented by French musicians, will give French premières of works by Birtwistle and Tippett conducted by Elgar Howarth next Sunday.

Giuseppi Sinopoli conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra for the first time in France on November 19 in a programme of Schoenberg, Weber and Mahler.

The musical curiosities include a concert performance of Georg Anton Benda's *Ariane a Naxos*, a work which was admired by Mozart, given by the Baroque Orchestra of Amsterdam conducted by Ton Koopman on November 27.

Concert

Melvyn Tan
Wigmore Hall

The cause of historically aware performance (forget the word "authentic" in this context) often takes one step forward and then stumbles back two as good ideas are done badly, while taking several sideways as everyone climbs on the bandwagon.

One important step forward was taken recently when Melvyn Tan introduced in an orchestral concert his newly made copy by Derek Adlam of an 1814 piano by Streicher – one of the most important families of Viennese piano builders. His moving spirit, Nanette Streicher, was the daughter of Mozart's favoured maker, Johann Stein, and a close friend of Beethoven.

On Tuesday the new instrument was heard in recital, and the result was a further leap forward in our understanding of classical piano music. This Streicher copy does not present the very finely layered textures of the earliest Viennese pianos, in which each voice has a separate sound. There is a more unified timbre and a fuller *tutti*: the gentle gradation in the dropping arpeggios of the Schubert A major Sonata, D959, or the chromatic runs in the first movement of Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata, are beautiful, from chiming treble to reedy bass.

The thin treble is, of course, most radically different from its modern equivalent: thrillingly percussive as the arpeggios in the Beethoven swirl upwards, simple and bell-like in the Minuet of the Schubert. In the middle registers the eloquence is most expressive and most natural: the rounded yet biting sound of the "Appassionata" finale theme had a marvellous directness.

The bass seems to me something of a problem: with dry articulation, as in the superb opening of the Schubert, it had a bassoon-like boldness, but when sustained it sounds blurred, which cannot be right in the crashing bass chords of the Beethoven.

Melvyn Tan is no antiquarian, and he plays this instrument with a flamboyant delight in its possibilities. Much of the playing is exhilarating and fluent. I shall never get to like his bar-line pauses, and it was surely a miscalculation to use the moderator (damper) for all the Schubert's first-movement coda. For an encore, he played Chopin – and took the first step on another long road. *Bon voyage*.

Nicholas Kenyon

Opera

Le nozze di Figaro
Theatre Royal, Norwich

Norwich is definitely the place to be tonight. As Glyndebourne's *Figaro* has rolled on from summer festival to Prom to autumn roadshow, casts have changed and batons have been passed. One factor, though, has remained constant. Charging the production's batteries over the years, now as coach, now as continuo, always as Mozartian familiar spirit, has been Glyndebourne's head of music staff, Martin Isepp. Now he has taken over the baton himself, making his professional début as a conductor.

Doubtless because several members of the young touring company and Mr Isepp already know each other well as musicians from the National Opera Studio and from Glyndebourne itself, strong currents of empathy flow between stage and pit. Like the brisk tempi, impetus is unremitting without ever being merely relentless: it seeks out and recreates afresh for its audience that higher temperature and quicker heartbeat unique to this opera.

What characterizes Mr Isepp's *Figaro* is a constantly vibrant orchestral pulse which buoys up the cross-currents of each character, individually and in ensemble. With supple detail, it propels the volatility of John Hall's Figaro, nudges the ragazza-like chatter of Anne Dawson's Susanna: it mocks the pouting, petulant Count of Jeremy Munro and, with the Bournemouth Sinfonietta in particularly eloquent form, coaxes subtle shades of nuance for Rita Cullis's Countess.

All coalesces into a rare truthfulness of style and sensibility which re-animates response on both sides of the pit. Let us hope that Mr Isepp will now step out from the wings more often: opera will be a better place for it.

Hilary Finch



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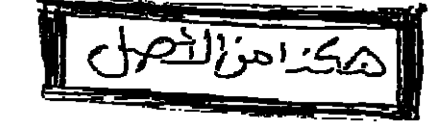
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Johnson Matthey's extraordinary £235m

Shareholders in Johnson Matthey plc, the precious metals refining and industrial group whose banking subsidiary was rescued last month, should be inured to shocks by now. The near-collapse of the banking subsidiary cost their company £152 million and they have seen the value of their shares tumble from 240p before the debacle.

However, they would still be wise to find themselves a comfortable armchair and a large scotch before digesting the circular issued yesterday giving details of the £25 million capital injection and the half-year results. The shares, closed 10p down at 128p yesterday because of it.

Although it contains no further shocks on the scale of recent events, it nevertheless makes fairly depressing reading. Pretax profits of the continuing business are down from £13 million to £9 million in the half-year to end-September after numerous exceptional provisions which are not quantified but could be around £3 million.

Extraordinary losses include, apart from the £152 million relating to JMB, a further £10.8 million on the jewelry side, and other bits and pieces bringing the total to £166.1 million. Ignoring profits on precious metal sales, extraordinary losses in the past 18 months now amounts to a staggering £235 million.

The circular contains no profit forecast; a decision on dividend payments has been deferred and would have to be agreed anyway by the banks who have provided a £250 million emergency credit line.

There is also no assurance that working capital is adequate since it quite clearly is not. The group is now hopelessly overgeared. Borrowings stand at £297 million while shareholders' funds will be after the £25 million capital injection down to about £258 million or about £44 million less if metal stocks are included at base rather than market value. A far-reaching recapitalization is clearly needed at some point.

One firm of chartered accountants is already preparing a report on the JMB disaster, while another, Coopers & Lybrand is now advising Johnson Matthey plc on what should be done in terms of restructuring and refinancing the rest of the business.

In the meantime, shareholders have to vote on December 6 at an extraordinary meeting on the £25 million capital injection and on proposals to boost the group's borrowing powers.

Shareholders should clearly vote in favour of the £25 million capital injection which was modified after various institutions took umbrage but still favours Charter Consolidated whose shareholding will rise from 27.9 per cent to at least 33.34 per cent. Were this motion to fail, it would jeopardize the credit facilities agreed by the banks and the group's future would look bleak indeed.

As to whether shareholders should take up their rights, the board of Johnson Matthey plc is not making any recommendation. The new shares are being offered at a considerable discount, equivalent to 56p a share. BP is waiting in the wings and there is still the possibility of a bid from that quarter.

Awaiting the big bond issues

Encouraged by the success of the first targeted registered issue by the United States Treasury and of the seven year, $300 million offering by the Federal National Mortgage Association, the big bond houses are licking their lips at the thought that more big issues are likely from similar sources.

Indeed, the timing is most convenient because the market, although volume has been breaking all records this year, is short of the very large (say $500 million) high quality issues which used to emanate from Canada, Australia and other prime borrowers whose financing needs have diminished.

It is very likely that the US Tresury will make another issue before the end of this year and the Fannie Mae issue could be followed by the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Farm Cedit Administration, and the National Student Loan Agency. The regard in which these credits are held by European investors is demonstrated by the fact that the Fannie Mae is yielding only about six basis points more than the comparable Treasury issue. European inverstors, it seems, are prepared to pay a little for the advantages of near-anonymity.

Credti Suisse First Boston has sold about 80 per cent of the Fannie Mae issue, and the first retail inverstors have appeared. But this will remain a predominantly institutional market until the first properly bearer American official paper is ussued.

Urging enterprise on the film industry

The British film industry has been complaining about lack of government support as long as anyone can remember. It still seems odd that its complaints should reach a new level of intensity in the run-up to the industry's 1985 British Film year, in which it hopes to build on the worldwide critical success of some of our recent efforts.

With one hand, the Government is about to publish a Film Bill that will privatize the National Film Finance Corporation (with an injection of £10 million of public money over five years) abolish the corresponding Eady levy which is helping to cripple British cinemas as well as quota restrictions on foreign films.

With its other hand, the Treasury has incidentally knocked the bottom out of recent tax-avoidance aid to the film producers by its reforms of corporation tax and the phasing out of 100 per cent capital allowances.

In a speech to the Independent Programme Producers Association yesterday, Mr John Moore, the Financial Secretary, tried to soothe ruffled feathers by explaining that the film industry will still receive special tax treatment. It will retain rights to capital allowances on the new lower scales permanently. They were due to run out in 1987. The industry will also have the choice of treating its investments as capital or revenue, whichever is most favourable for tax purposes and will have a special cost-recovery system that can allow film expenditure to be written off faster than in other businesses.

Mr Moore's main aim, however, was to extol the benefits of the Business Expanion Scheme and the opportunities the scheme opens up for continuing small-scale independent production companies. It was an important message. If the British film industry is on the threshold of having a strong commercial future, not just among the Goldcrests, then it should certainly be thinking in terms of moving with the grain of the Government's policies to encourage enterprise and stimulate small business, instead of subconciously pigeonholing itself as an art that needs support from the public purse.

Slower growth in productivity pushes up unit wage costs

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

There has been a marked slowdown in productivity growth in Britain, and this is now resulting in increases in unit wage costs far higher than in competitor countries.

In the July-September period, output per head in manufacturing was up by just 2.5 per cent on a year earlier. This compared with rise of 4.9 per cent in the second quarter, 4.5 per cent in the first quarter and 8.8 per cent in the final quarter of 1983.

As a result, unit labour costs in manufacturing have risen strongly, from a rate of increase of 0.8 per cent at the end of 1983 to 6.2 per cent in the third quarter of 1984. The latest figures available from other countries cover the second quarter and are -1 per cent for the US, -6 per cent for Japan and zero for Germany.

The latest average earnings figures, for September, showed a rise of 6.4 per cent on a year earlier. However, the figures are distorted by the miners' strike, which has reduced earnings growth by around 1.25 per cent and delayed settlements, which has reduced it by 0.75 per cent in September, the same as in July and August.

Average earnings in manufacturing rose by 9.1 per cent in the year to September, with the underlying increase calculated at 8.75 per cent, the same as in August.

The Department of Employment also revealed yesterday that there was a 13,000 rise in manufacturing employment in September, the biggest increase since April 1977 and after a decline of 47,000 in manufacturing employment over the previous nine months.

However, the figure is regarded as erratic and for the third quarter as a whole, manufacturing employment declined by 5,000.

UNIT LABOUR COSTS, MANUFACTURING

		Index (1980=100)	Percentage rise on year earlier
1983	I	116.4	2.6
	II	118.6	3.1
	III	117.6	1.6
	IV	119.2	0.8
1984	I	121.8	4.6
	II	122.2	3.0
	III	124.9	6.2

Source: Department of Employment.

The Confederation of British Industry had detected a change in the content of pay settlements this year, according to the results from its pay databank released yesterday.

The proportion of settlements which include longer holidays is just 5 per cent in the period since August 1, compared with 16 per cent in the last pay round. Only 3 per cent of settlements have featured reduced working hours, again a low figure in comparison with recent years.

The average level of settlements is up on a year ago, however. In the latest three months, settlements have averaged 6.1 per cent, within a fairly wide range. A year ago, in the corresponding period, the average was 5.5 per cent. Average settlements in service industries over the past six months have been 6.9 per cent, the CBI said.

The Treasury's autumn statement, published on Monday, assumed a decline in the underlying rate of average earnings growth from 7.5 per cent in 1984-85 to 7 per cent in 1985-86. It also set a 3 per cent limit on the public sector pay bill for 1985-86.

The Treasury did not provide a detailed productivity assumption in the statement, but appears to be assuming a 2 per cent rise in output per head in manufacturing next year.

Pound falls 1.2 cents

The pound lost 1.2 cents to $1.2620 against a stronger dollar yesterday, in spite of the 0.1 per cent decline in United States retail sales in October. However, sterling held steady against most other important currencies and the drop of 0.3 to 76.5 in the sterling index simply reflected the dollar's strength.

Shares were quieter. The FT 30-share index eased to 923.7, from Tuesday's record of 924.3.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1181.5 down 2.2 (high: 1182.4; low: 1175.6)
FT Index: 923.7 down 0.6
FT Gilts: 83.29 down 0.14
FT All Share: N/A
Bargains: 20,321
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 105.53 up 0.19
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average (latest) 1204.39 down 2.21
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 11,320.9 up 55.74
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1077.93 up 11.8
Amsterdam: 178.9 down 1.1
Sydney: AC Index 778.4, unchanged

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
Index 76.5 down 0.3 (range: 76.6-76.4)
$1.2620 down 1.20 cents
DM 3.75 up 0.0075
FrF 11.5050 up 0.03
Yen 305.75 down 0.25
Dollar
Index 138.8 up 1.0
DM 2.9670 up 0.0225

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling $1.2590
Dollar DM 2.9757

INTERNATIONAL

ECU £0.597139
SDR £0.791900

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 10
Finance house base rate 11
Discount market loans week fixed 10¼-10
3 month interbank 9$^{15}/_{16}$-9$^{13}/_{16}$
Euro currency rates:
3 month dollar 9¾-9⅝
3 month DM 5⅞-5¾
3 month FrF 11¼-11
US rates:
Bank prime rate 11.75
Fed funds 9½
Treasury long bond 99$^{11}/_{16}$-99$^{13}/_{16}$
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period October 3, to November 6, 1984 inclusive: 10.616 per cent.

GOLD

London Fixed (per ounce):
am $346.00 pm $345.80
close $345.50-$346 (£273.50-£274)
New York latest: $346.00
Kuggerrand* (per coin): $355.50-357 (£281.50-£282.50)
Sovereigns* (new) $81.50-82.50 (£64.75-£65.50)
*Excludes VAT

Edwardes dismisses Dunlop auditors

By Philip Robinson

Sir Michael Edwardes, new chairman of Dunlop Holdings, last night announced he had dismissed the company's auditors, Ernst & Whinney. The accountants had been with Dunlop for more than 50 years.

The move is the latest in a series of sackings by Sir Michael, who is backed by 46 international and domestic bankers owed a total of £385m by the ailing group.

On his first day last Friday, Sir Michael ousted 11 of the 13 directors, accepted the resignation of J. Henry Schroder Wass as merchant bak adviser and replaced Panmure Gordon, the stockbrokers with Cazenove & Co.

Price Waterhouse, appointed investigating accountants by the bankers 18 months ago, will now replace Ernst & Whinney.

A Dunlop spokesman said last night: "The new board has undertaken to review all existing financial advisers and auditors. The new directors believe the company will derive the greatest benefit from Price Waterhouse being appointed auditors."

Ernst & Whinney, who wre joint accountants to the group between 1920 and 1930 when they became sole auditors, said: "We are disappointed that this has happened. We do not take this as any judgment of our past prformance. It is an entirely logical move."

It is still unclear who will take over as merchant bank advisers. Cazenove hasa tradition of working alongside S G Warburg, where Sir Michael is a director and which advised ICL, the computer group, formerly headed by Sir Michael.

The timing of the appointment will heavily influence the day when Sir Michael is able to unveil the restructuring and rescue package for Dunlop.

As part of this, the banks are expected to convert a significant part of their £250 million short-term debt into a deferred equity stock; shareholders will see at least two-thirds of their equity cancelled and will be asked to support a rights issue. Dunlop will sell assets to cut interest payment on long-term debt.

Commercial Union losses hit £30m

By Richard Thomson

Commercial Union went further into the red yesterday when it announced an increase in its pretax losses to £30.6 million for the first nine months of this year from £14.5 million three months ago. The third quarter result compares with a profit of £43.8 million over the same period last year.

Mr Cecil Harris, the chief executive, said these were "poor results again" and that it was unrealistic to expect any improvement this year. But he added that there was light at the end of the tunnel when the benefit of premium rate increases in most insurance markets were felt during next year.

World underwriting losses rose over the nine months to 282.5 million against a loss of £191.7 million last year. The bulk of CU's losses came in the United States where pretax losses mounted to £77.4 Million compared with £56.9 million last time. The company suffered in Britain as well and a profit last year of £34.7 million became a loss of £3.2 million.

The company has again suffered from increases in the frequency and size of claims both in Britain and the United States particularly on commercial business. But Mr Harris was optimistic about an improvement in insurance premium rates.

Cecil Harris: light at the end of the tunnel.

In the US, the company is introducing increases in its commercial lines rates averaging 10 per cent. In Britain it plans to have raised its house contents rates by 11 per cent and its motor rates by 6.25 per cent on January 1.

Mr Harris also promised that "our portfolio in the US will be smaller, more refined and better rated".

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Profits rise by 21% at Tesco

By Alison Eadie

Tesco Stores, the supermarket chain, yesterday stated its firm commitment to stay in its traditional market place, the High Street.

The chain unveiled a pretax profits rise of 21.2 per cent in the 24 weeks to mid-August to £30.3 million, and restated its store development policy. The aim is to build new stores of a single storey with free, flat and accessible parking for about 1,000 cars. Sites should also provide enough space for petrol filling stations and where appropriate, garden centres. Sales space ideally should be 40,000 sq ft, but smaller stores of 20,000 sq ft for convenience goods only will also be considered.

Tesco said it does not discriminate between High Street, in-town, edge-of-town and out-of-town sites; its criteria will obviously be found more on town outskirts. It is spending £120 million this year against £100 million last year an opening 10 new stores against eight last year, including three in the Irish Republic.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Firth buys stake in paper group

G M Firth, the steel stockist and share dealing company, has acquired a 6.4 per cent stake in East Lancashire Paper Group, the subject of an unwanted bid from British Syphon Industries.

East Lancashire shares raced to a high for the year at 98p before closing at 93p. The paper group yesterday rejected BSI's increased offer, worth 88p a share in paper and 85p in cash.

● SMITHS INDUSTRIES plan a final dividend of 9.25p, making 14p (11.5p) for the year to August 1984, after pretax profits rose from £26.8 million to £36.2 million.

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● GENERAL ACCIDENT retrned to a profit of £5.5 million in the first nine months after a £0.75 million loss at the half-year stage. The ninth-month figure compares with a profit of £44.3 million last year.

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● MR PAUL HAMLYN'S Octopus Publishing Group is buying the Websters Group, a bookshop, distribution and training video film maker, for £21 million.

● GREENWAY INSURANCE BROKERS, a small firm of Lloyd's brokers, has failed to satisfy the financial requirements laid down by the committee of Lloyd's insurance market. Directors of Greenway have voluntarily agreed to suspend trading. Greenway has estimated deficiencies of £171,000.

Banks attack ECGD red tape delays

By John Lawless

The Export Credits Guarantee Department was yesterday accused of using irrelevant technicalities to withhold payments of claims made by exporters.

The accusation came from the banks which provide the bulk of the funds which it insures in international trade deals. It was made to the House of Commons Trade and Industry Committee – but they stressed that they do not back privatizaton of ECGD.

MPs who are investigating the way in which the government-run insurance agency operates were told by the Committee of London Clearing Bankers: "There has been some tendency recently on the part of ECGD to adopt a 'small print' frame of mind in dealing with claims, resulting in minor technicalities which have no material bearing on the underlying cause of loss being used to reject or delay payment."

But denying the accusation, an ECGD spokesman said: "We do not turn down or delay payment claims because of irrelevant technicalities. We have to be careful to examine the claim to be satisfied about its validity and that the terms and conditions of the guarantee have been complied with."

The accusation has serious implications for ECGD. It is in the red for the first time in 30 years.

Adviser tells Reagan to raise taxes or cut welfare spending

From Bailey Morris
Washington

Mr David Stockman, head of the US Office of Management and Budget, has warned President Reagan and his cabinet that they will have either to cut social programmes sharply or raise taxes to put the economy back on course.

The Government reported yesterday that retail sales last month dropped 0.1 per cent in a further indication that US growth has slowed substantially from the fast pace of the first half, when consumer spending lead the recovery.

Officials of the US Commerce Department said last month that consumer spending was down sharply in almost all categories except car sales, which rose 3.5 per cent. Without the rise in car sales, officials said the drop in spending activity would have been much steeper. The decline last month compared with a gain in September of 1.6 per cent in the index.



Dr David Stockman: warning on economic slowdown

News of declining activity heightened concerns over the future course of the economy, which has been the subject of closed-door meetings at the White House this week among Mr Reagan and his advisers who are attempting to write a new budget.

Mr Reagan, who has been briefed on the worsening federal deficit now projected aat the record $205 billion in the current fiscal year, indicated he would seek unprecedented cuts in social programmes rather than raise taxes to reduce the deficit, officials said.

The President was reportedly "taken aback" by the report from Mr Stockman that he has twice revised upward the deficit figure over the last month and now sees it heading for a new record because of slowing growth and rising government costs for healthcare, farm and defence programmes.

Mr Reagan, in keeping with his campaign pledges, told officials he would not propose a tax increase or "submit a budget that would cause us to acquiese a tax increase", the officials said.

They said some cabinet officials have proposed an across-the-board programme to reduce growth in government spending to 5 per cent a year.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar staged a useful rally yesterday in moderately active markets.

Reflecting firmer US interest rate trends, the dollar made smart, early headway

After some profit-taking at about lunchtime had been absorbed, a fresh advance took place in the wake of transatlantic demand.

Although US retail prices' 0.1 per cent fall in October served to underline a slowing of the US economy, there was no selling of dollars.

Most dealers had already discounted the news. Instead, a worsening US budget outlook was given by operators as a reason for buying dollars.

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 14	Market rates close November 14	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2598-1.2865	$1.2615-1.2625	0.08-0.05c prem	0.05-0.01c prem
Montreal	$1.6675-1.6675	$1.6596-1.6605	0.12-0.17c disc	0.45-0.53c disc
Amsterdam	4.2069-4.2325fl	4.2150-4.2280fl	1½-1¼c prem	4½-4¼c prem
Brussels	75.38-76.74f	75.80-75.60f	par-6c disc	8-17c disc
Copenhagen	13.48-13.53k	13.48-13.49k	1⅞-2⅞ore disc	7⅛-8ore disc
Frankfurt	3.7254-3.7550m	3.7450-3.7550m	1⅝-1½pf prem	4⅛-3⅞pf prem
Lisbon	200.00-204.00e	200.20-202.90e	175-500e disc	885-1700e disc
Madrid	209.30-210.10p	209.35-209.55p	45-68p disc	170-208p disc
Milan	2319.60-2336.70lr	2322.50-2324.50lr	9-11lr disc	31-34lr disc
Oslo	10.8700-10.9100k	10.8850-10.8950k	2½-3ore disc	8½-9¾ore disc
Paris	11.4600-11.5160f	11.5000-11.5100f	¼-1¼c disc	3-4¼c disc
Stockholm	10.7200-10.7800k	10.7225-10.7325k	1⅞-1⅞ore disc	4⅞-5⅞ore disc
Tokyo	304.37-306.25y	305.50-306.00y	1⅛-⅞y prem	2⅞-2⅝y prem
Vienna	26.16-26.34sch	26.17-26.22sch	7⅞-6⅞gro prem	18⅞-15⅝gro prem
Zurich	3.0736-3.0925f	3.0825-3.0925f	1⅝-1½c prem	4⅛-3⅞c prem
Dublin	1.2020-1.2106p	1.2040-1.2060p	32-48p disc	106-129p disc

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.3 at 76.5 (day's range 76.8-78.4).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0465-1.0470
Singapore	2.1450-2.1470
Malaysia	2.3955-2.3975
Australia	0.8603-0.8613
Canada	1.3148-1.3153
Sweden	8.6080-8.5150
Norway	8.6200-8.6300
Denmark	10.6975-10.7075
West Germany	2.9665-2.9680
Switzerland	2.4400-2.4420
Netherlands	3.3430-3.3480
France	9.1050-9.1100
Japan	242.10-242.25
Italy	1844-1847
Belgium(Comm)	59.88-59.93
Hongkong	7.8200-7.8230
Portugal	160.00-163.00
Spain	165.80-166.10
Austria	20.81-20.84

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.4642-1.4672
Bahrein	0.4745-0.4785
Finland	7.8240-7.8640
Greece	184.50-186.80
Hongkong	9.861-9.873
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.3780-0.3820
Malaysia	3.0207-3.0257
Mexico	245-270
New Zealand	2.5397-2.5470
Saudi Arabia	4.48-4.52
Singapore	2.7048-2.7096
South Africa	2.2165-2.2222

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 9½-8½; seven days, 9⅝-9½; one month, 9⅝-9¼; three months, 9⅞-9⅝; six months, 10-9⅞

MONEY MARKETS

Although still convinced that cheaper money is just round the corner, the market took a breather yesterday after its steady decline.

Rates firmed on a combination of higher US rates and an easier pound, but were soon back to, or only a shade above, overnight positions as a few buyers of paper returned.

Overall, the day's business was some way below that of the past few days.

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 10¼ Low 1

Week Fixed: 10⅛-10

Treasury Bills(Dis%)

Buying	Selling
2 months 9⅞	2 months 9⅞
3 months 9¾	3 months 9¾

Prime Bank Bills(Dis%)/Trades(Dis%)

1 month 9⅞-9¾	1 month 10⅛
2 months 9⅞-9⅞	2 months 10⅛
3 months 9¾-9⅞	3 months 9⅞
6 months 9⅝-9⅝	6 months 9⅞

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 10⅛-10⅛	7 months 10⅛-10
2 months 10⅛-10⅛	8 months 10⅛-10
3 months 10⅛-10⅛	9 months 10⅛-10
4 months 10⅛-10	10 months 10⅛-10
5 months 10⅛-10	11 months 10⅛-10
6 months 10⅛-10	12 months 10⅛-10

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates(%)

1 month 10⅛-10⅛	6 months 9⅞
3 months 9⅞-9⅞	12 months 9⅞

Local Authority Market(%)

1 day 10⅛	3 months 9⅞
7 days 10⅛	6 months 9⅞
1 month 10	1 year 9⅞

Interbank Market(%)
Overnight: open 10⅛ Close 4-1

1 week 10⅛-10⅛	6 months 10-9⅞
1 month 10⅛-10⅛	9 months 10⅛-9⅞
3 months 9⅞-9⅞	12 months 10⅛-10

First Class Finance Houses(Mkt.Rate%)
3 months 9⅞ 6 months 10

Finance House Base Rate 11

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in £s per metric ton; Gasoil in US$ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Dec	615-95
Jan	625-05
Feb	635-15
Mar	645-25
Apr	655-35
May	665-45
Jun	675-55
Jul	685-65
Aug	695-75
Jan./Mar	635-15
Apl/Jun	665-45
Jul/Sep	695-75
SUGAR	
Dec	133.40-135.00
Mar	152.60-152.80
May	159.80-160.00
Aug	168.40-168.80
Oct	176.40-176.80
Dec	181.00-183.80
Mar	196.60-197.40
Vol:	713
COCOA	
Nov	2300-75
Dec	1924-23
Mar	1888-85
May	1887-85
July	1888-87
Sep	1887-86
Dec	1835-32
Mar	1845-25
Vol:	2,382
COFFEE	
Nov	2609-2607
Jan	2370-68
Mar	2233-32
May	2184-82
Jul	2176-74
Sep	2168-2166
Nov	2160-2159
Vol:	1,706
GAS OIL	
Nov	236.00-35.75
Dec	239.50-39.25
Jan	240.00-39.75
Feb	238.50-38.25
Mar	234.25-33.00
Apl	232.00-29.50
May	231.00-29.00
Jun	232.00-27.00
Jul	232.00-25.00
Vol:	2,403

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1046.00–1064.50
Three months	1088.00–1088.50
T/O	14.375
Tone: Steadier.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1070.00–1072.00
Three months	1091.00–1092.00
T/O	50
Tone: Quiet.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9615–9620
Three months	9640–9645
T/O:	410
Tone: Firmer.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9640–9645
Three months	9640–9645
T/O:	185
Tone: Firmer.	
LEAD	
Cash	347.00–348.00
Three months	345.00–346.00
T/O:	11.225
Tone: Easier.	
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	620.00–621.00
Three months	627.50–628.00
T/O:	18.375
Tone: Easier.	
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	678.00–682.00
Three months	678.00–681.00
T/O:	Nil
Tone: Idle.	
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	602.0–603.0
Three months	617.0–618.0
T/O:	31
Tone: Steady.	
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	602.0–603.0
Three months	617.0–618.0
T/O:	Nil
Tone: Idle	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	942.00–942.50
Three months	967.50–968.00
T/O:	7,750
NICKEL	
Cash	3718–3728
Three months	3800–3805
T/O:	2,190
Tone: Easier.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Dec	347.70–347.90
Feb	352.50–353.00
Vol	391
Tone: Uncertain.	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Mnth	Vol	Settmt
YEN		
Dec'84	2	4141
Mar'85	–	–
Jun'85	–	–
Comment: Weaker.		
STERLING		
Dec'84	17	1.2625
Mar'85	244	1.2630
Jun'85	200	1.2655
Comment: Slipping.		
D-MARK		
Dec'84	346	3384
Mar'85	–	3417
Jun'85	–	–
Comment: Losing ground		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec'84	–	4112
Mar'85	–	–
Jun'85	–	–
Comment: Quiet.		
EURODOLLARS		
Dec'84	3786	9004
Mar'85	1471	8965
Jun'85	158	8912
Sep'85	67	8872
Dec'85	13	8833
Comment: Testing suppor		
SHORT STERLING		
Dec'84	556	9026
Mar'85	242	9042
Jun'85	78	9030
Sep'85	10	9002
Dec'85	–	8975
Comment: Steady.		
T-BONDS		
Dec'84	1767	7012
Mar'85	–	6920
Jun'85	–	–
Comment: Fairly volatile		
GILTS		
Dec'84	3395	10917
Mar'85	11	10828
Jun'85	–	10811
Sep'85	–	11118
Comment: Mixed.		
FTSE		
Dec'84	288	11815
Mar'85	50	11830
Jun'85	–	–
Comment: Firm.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 14:–
GB: Cattle, 95.46p per kg lw (–1.02).
GB: Sheep, 185.60p per kg est d c w (–1.30).
GB: Pigs, 90.08p per kg lw (+1.03).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 13.6 per cent, ave. price, 94.81p (–1.48).
Sheep nos. up 14.2 per cent, ave. price, 186.19p (–0.88).
Pig nos. up 13.1 per cent, ave. price, 90.08p (+1.03).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 8.8 per cent, ave. price, 98.41p (+0.99).
Sheep nos. up 37.1 per cent, ave. price, 179.73p (–5.24).
Pig nos. up 5.7 per cent, ave. price, 94.74p (+0.63).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT Close	BARLEY Close
Nov	£107.30	106.50
Jan	£110.15	109.35
Mar	£113.50	112.60
May	£116.75	115.20
Jly	£118.60	–
Sep	£97.50	96.50

Total lots traded
Wheat: 243
Barley: 269

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	1984 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
180	118	Aberdeen	151	● –1	7.5	5.0	..
88	58	Alisa	85	..	1.9	2.2	..
598	438	Alliance	588	..	20.7	3.7	..
115	88½	Amer	110	–1	3.6	3.3	..
288	218	Ang Amer Sec	282	..	7.8	2.9	..
70	53½	Ang Int	55	● ..	10.0	18.2	..
608	384	Ang Int Ast	476	..	..	..	..
168	115	Ang Scot	158	..	4.0	2.5	..
388	310	Ashdown	384	..	10.3	2.8	..
141	98	Atlanta	128	..	1.6	1.2	..
101	75	Atlantic Assets	87	–1	0.7	0.8	..
82	67	Bankers	81	● –1	3.0b	3.7	..
174	130	Berry	167	● ..	1.4	0.9	..
150	117	Border & Sthrn	149	● ..	4.7	3.2	..
100	79	Br Amer Gen	100	..	3.7	3.7	..
189	140½	Br Assets	182	–3	9.7b	5.3	..
28	20½	Br Empire Sec	24½	● ..	1.3	5.3	..
333	261	British Inv	328	● ..	18.3b	5.6	..
68	55	Brunner	64	..	2.7b	4.2	..
19	7⅝	Camellia	216½	..	12.9b	0.6	..
73	60	Charter Agency	73	..	3.0b	4.1	..
508	416	Continental	495	..	25.7b	5.2	..
171	125	Crescent Japan	155	+1	0.4	0.3	..
375	275	Delta	375	+5	..	..	..
99	80	Derby Inc	99	..	9.5	9.6	..
97	80	Do Cap	97	+3	..	..	..
267	241	Drayton Cons	262	● ..	12.7	4.9	..
137	88	Drayton Far East	118	..	1.2	1.0	..
398	292	Drayton Japan	358	..	1.4	0.4	..
354	290	Drayton Premier	354	+2	16.4	4.6	..
163	140	Dundee Lon	155	..	6.2	4.0	..
208	148	Edin Amer Asset	161	..	1.2	0.7	..
103	87	Edinburgh	100	● +½	3.7	3.7	..
248	210	Electric Gen	245	..	4.5	1.8	..
222	192	English Int	218	● ..	9.6b	4.4	..
65	52	English Scot	63	..	1.6b	2.5	..
93	88	English NY	91	–2	3.3	3.6	..
84	69	F & C Alliance	82	..	2.3	2.8	..
167	117	F&C Pacific	141	+1	5.0b	3.5	..
188	182	Family	182	+2	9.4	5.2	..
284	194	First Scot Amer	251	+1	8.6b	3.7	..
245	170	First Un Gen	180	● ..	8.7	4.9	..
448	342	Fleming American	432	–2	6.1	1.4	..
225	185	Fleming Claver	216	+1	11.1	5.1	..
224	180	Fleming Enterprise	217	..	10.4	4.8	..
315	225	Fleming Far East	302	● +4	2.9	0.9	..
528	390	Fleming Japan	518	● +3	4.3	0.8	..
107	90	Fleming Mercantile	107	+1	4.0	3.7	..
110	82	Fleming Overseas	105	..	3.3	3.2	..
150	119½	Fleming Tech	145	..	3.1	2.2	..
270	215	Fleming Universal	268	● ..	9.6	3.6	..
126	99	For Col	125	..	3.6b	2.9	..
108	80	Frost (JJ & D)	80	● ..	4.0	5.0	..
175	120	GT Japan	168	+1	2.8	1.3	..
538	433	General Funds	533	..	12.9	2.4	..
235	184	General Cons	229	..	12.0	5.2	..
104	77	Glasgow Stock	102	..	2.6	2.6	..
247	197	Globe	248	–1	12.9	5.2	..
215	176	Greenfriar	200	..	1.9	1.0	..
250	197½	Gresham House	230	–10	5.7	2.5	..
141	114	Hambros	137	● ..	5.4	4.0	..
228	187	Hill (P)	221	● ..	13.2	6.0	..
485	390	Invest-in Success	490	..	7.6	1.6	..
211	182	Inv Cap	205	–1	5.1	2.5	..
84½	43	Japan Assets Keep	81	● +½	0.1	0.1	..
294	215	Lake View	288	● +1	6.4	2.2	..
154	130	Law Debenture	153	..	7.1b	4.7	..
83	64	Lon Merchant Sec	71	..	2.6	3.7	..
95	71	Lon Trust	84	..	3.9	4.2	..
87	70	Merchants	85	–1	4.0b	4.7	..
149	121	Monks	148	+1	3.4	2.3	..
103½	85	Murray Income	99	..	6.4	6.5	..
89	67	Murray Growth	87	..	2.0	2.3	..
114	86	Murray Intl	112	..	4.3	3.8	..
159	122	Murray Small	157	● ..	3.3	2.1	..
285	225	Murray Venture	261	● –2	6.3	2.4	..
345	303	New Court	343	+3	19.5	5.7	..
73	58	New Darien Oil	71	+1	0.4e	0.5	..
170	138	1928	165	● –2	7.9	4.8	..
48	34	Nwthrog Inc 83	39	–½	3.2b	8.2	..
359	258	New Tokyo	350	+1	..	..	..
294	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	272	● –4	4.8	1.7	..
188	108	Nth Sea Assets	128	● ..	0.7	0.6	..
257	209	Nthn Amer	251	+1	7.7	3.1	..
127	97	Outwich	127	+2	4.1	3.2	..
35	24	Personal Assets	29	+1	0.6	2.0	..
297	243	Raeburn	293	+1	12.0	4.1	..
115	93	River & Merc	113	+1	6.4	5.7	..
195	158	River Plate	195	+1	9.3b	4.8	..
169	138	Robeco	162	+1	..	..	..
157	127	Rolinco	151	..	..	..	..
234	185	Romney	233	+1	6.3	2.7	..
10⅝	9⅝	Rorento	210	..	..	..	..
279	237	St Andrews	277	–2	10.0	3.6	..
248	191	Scottish	242	–2	6.7	2.8	..
206	174	Scot American	205	+1	7.2	3.5	..
147	117	Scot Eastern	146	..	5.0	3.4	..
347	270	Scot Mtge	346	● ..	9.7b	2.8	..
207	168	Scot Nat	205	..	6.1	2.9	..
117	92½	Scot Nthn	116	..	4.7	4.0	..
353	285	Scot Merc 'A'	353	+5	11.0	3.1	..
498	384	Secnd Alliance	488	–2	17.9	3.7	..
108	84	Sec Of Scotland	106	● +2	5.3b	5.0	..
66	51	Smaller Cos	62	..	2.2	3.5	..
38	32½	Stewart Enterp	35	..	0.6	1.6	..
117	93	Stockholders	110	–1	2.9	2.6	..
111	75	Tr Australia	98	+1	2.9	3.0	..
74	59	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	74	● ..	4.4b	6.0	..
143	121	Tr Ind & Gen	142	● ..	4.8b	3.4	..
260	201	Tr Natural Res	244	..	10.7	4.4	..
176	130	Tr North America	162	..	4.9b	3.0	..
273	192	Tr Pacific Basin	254	+1	2.8b	1.1	..
136	107	Tr Property	134	..	4.5	3.4	..
86	69	Tr Tech	84	..	2.4	2.8	..
122	98	Tr Trustees	122	+1	4.9	4.0	..
104	85	Temple Bar	101	–1	6.2b	6.1	..
199	160	Throgmorton	199	..	9.3	4.7	..
273	211	Throg Secured Cap	247	..	..	..	..
149	123	Trans Oceanic	147	..	4.3	2.9	..
102	80	Tribune	102	+1	2.8	2.7	..
81	67½	Triplevest Inc	75	..	12.4	16.6	..
183	153	US Debenture	182	+1	9.3	5.1	..
85	75	Viking Resource	82	● –1	1.6	1.9	..
78	53	Westpool	67	–1	2.0	2.9	..
98	68	Winterbottm Enrgy	96	..	1.6	1.8	..
138	109½	Witan	136	..	3.6	2.7	..
252	207	Yeoman	251	..	11.7	4.7	..

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	168+2
Alida Holdings 25p Ord (140a)	149
Appledore A & P 10p Ord (87)	85
Breakmate 10p Ord (100a)	102
Brit Bloodstock Ag 25p Ord (165a)	233
CVD Inc Com Stock $0.01 (105a)	135
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (a)	170
Comp Fin Serv 5p Ord (85a)	81
Craton Lodge & Knight 1p Ord (115a)	161+1
Fergabrook Grp 20p Ord (74a)	105–40
Gabicci 5p Ord (78a)	92
Hawtal Whiting 5p Ord (197a)	222
Iceland Frozen Food 10p Ord (210)	354
Instem 10p Ord (145a)	188–2
Klark-Teknik 5p Ord (85a)	110–3
Meda Technology 20p Ord (117a)	143+4
Oldacre Hldgs 20p Ord	100+4
Paul Michael L'wear 5p Ord (30a)	29
Plasmec 10p Ord (70a)	75
Second Market Inv 5p Ord (10)	11–½
Shares Drug stores 10p Ord (140a)	188
Stone International 20p Ord (125)	138
T & S Stores 5p Ord (a)	111
Trade Promotion 10p Ord (75a)	82
U D O Holdings 10p Ord (110a)	125
Wates City of Lon Prop 25p Ord (100)	110

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● LCD HOLDINGS: Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim divident 1.8p (same). Figs. in £000. Turnover 155,905 (149,125). Pretax profit 3,821 (3,353). The board reports that After six months of continued progress especially in the USA, the quality of LCP's earnings has measurably improved. Although there are a number of uncertainties affecting the group's operations, it expects a satisfactory outcome for the full year.

● WADE POTTERIES: Year to July 31. Total dividend 2.5p (2.2p). Figs. in £000. Sales 13,418 (11,358). Pretax profit 1,123 (734).

● STEWART NAIRN GROUP: Year to June 30, compared with previous 15 months. No div. (nil). Fig. in £000. Turnover 11,2799 (3,867). Pretax loss 788 (1,069 profit).

● EXTERNAL INVESTMENT TRUST: Half-year to Sept 30. Interim 5.5p (5p). The directors forecast a final of at leadt 6p, making 11.5p (10.75p). Figs. in £000. Gross income 1,011 (676). Pretax revenue 587 (617).

● COMPSOFT HOLDINGS: Half-year to Sept 30. No interim dividend. Figs in £000. Sales 950 (608). Pretax profit 341 (258). The directors intendto propose a final payment at the time of the full year's results.

● ROBERT MOSS: Six months to Sept 30. Int div 0.9p (0.8p). Figs in £000. Turnover 7,118 (6,103). Pretax profit 922 (710). The board states that both the Banbury and Kidlington factories continue to trade extremely well.

● Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend 2p (same). Figs in £000. Turnover 49,528 (46,725). Pretax profit 783 (636). Tax 399 (324). EPS 2.88p (2.35p).

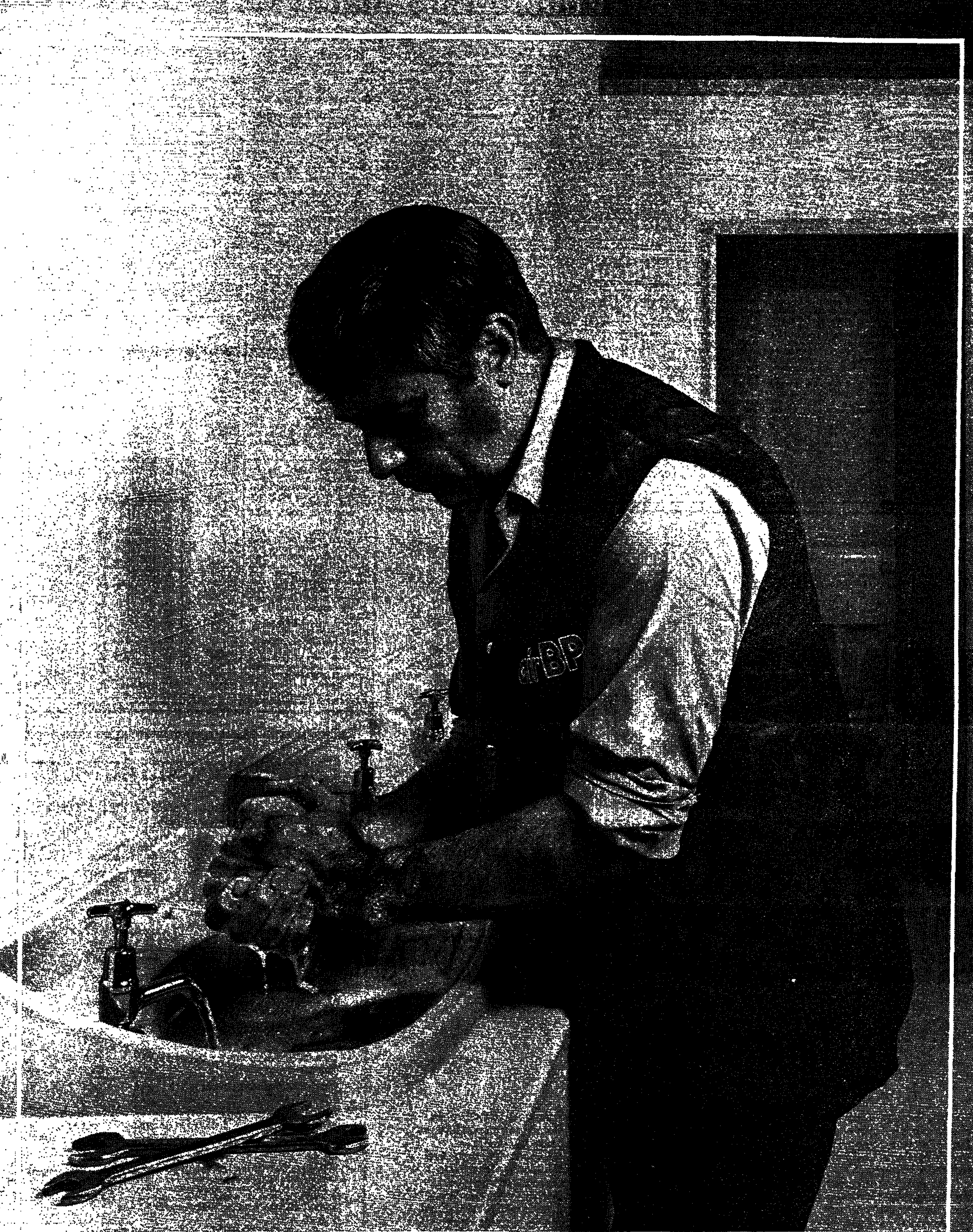
Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10%
Adam & Company	10%
Barclays	10%
BCCI	10%
Citibank Savings†	11½%
Consolidated Crds	10½%
Continental Trust	10%
C. Hoare & Co*	10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams & Glyn's	10%
Citibank NA	10%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¾%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 7¼%; £50,000 and over, 8¼%.

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TEMPUS

Reserve provisions weigh down CU

Commercial Union's problems are clearly far from being at an end. The company has again surprised the market with third-quarter figures at the bottom end of brokers' estimates.

The company argues that the astonishing acceleration in its trading loss from £14.5m at the half-year stage to the present £30.6m is due mainly to heavy reserve provisions, amounting to £21.8m, are deducted from the total loss, the final figure is only £9m. Cynical shareholders might well feel, however, that as far as the dividend is concerned, the distinction between CU's straight losses and its reserving excercises is somewhat academic.

Nor does CU have the excuse of bad weather in the third quarter. Though its first-half results were heavily affected by bad weather in the UK and the US, the third quarter is usually the best for composites.

The prospects of a dividend increase have thus faded almost to nothing. The company repeated it would need a "material" improvement in the UK and US to raise its final dividend, but though premium rates are now clearly rising in both countries, the benefits will not filter through until late next year.

Analysts now suggest that if current trends continue, CU could show losses of between £40m to £60m at the year end which would, at the very least, suggest keeping the dividend unchanged. But despite this, the share price held steady at 173p after yesterday's news.

General Accident's small nine-month pretax profit of £5.5m (against £44.3m for the same period last year) was also well below expectations. The main disappointment here was in Canada where the company reports a "seriously adverse" experience. The underwriting loss in Canada rose to £9.3m from £3.3m last year.

Tesco

Tesco's battle to increase net margins made headway in the first half, when margins widened to 2.29 per cent from 2.2 per cent. Its rival, J Sainsbury, however, is managing to keep the gap maddingly wide. It pushed interim margins out to 4.49 per cent from 4.36 per cent.

Fresh food sales helped and contributed strongly to a near 7 per cent volume increase at existing stores. Volume rose 8 per cent overall and sales rose 16.2 per cent.

The real battle to increase net margins is stil to come. Tesco is spending £20m this year on distribution, the benefits of which should show through in 12 to 18 months.

The new stores programme continues with 10 opening this year and at least eight next year, nearly all edge or out-of-town sites. Tesco has strongly stated its continued committment to the High Street, but the closures are all of smaller High Street shops. The company has plans for seven or eight new large stores in London, with a 60,000 sq ft Neasden store opening next June.

Competition for surpersites is intense, but Tesco is adamant it will not be drawn into paying silly prices.

Full-year taxable profits should emerge around £81.5 million against £67.4 million putting the shares, down 5p at 211p, on a reasonable prospective p/e ratio of just under 15 – A firm hold.

Smiths Industries

Smiths Industries full-year figures provide almost a textbook example of how to run a publicly quoted company successfully. Continued diversification out of the group's traditional car parts side and into winners selected from a broad portfolio of industrial interests has yielded a £10 million rise in pretax profits to £36.2 million.

All five divisions moved ahead despite their varied cycles. The careful balance in the divisional mix between capital intensive areas (aerospace) and cash flow generators (medical and mariine) helped trim the interest bill by £1.5 million. Gearing is only about 12 per cent of capital employed, and owes something to the continued war on stock levels. This has helped mitigate the impact of the changed fiscal regime, reflected in a higher tax charge.

Further profit gains are promised for this year, which may take the pretax figure up to close on £45 million, leaving the target p/c around 13, and perhaps too low.

Shareholders get a 22 per cent income improvement this year, and an effective four-for-one share split/scrip issue, which will boost marketability. Fears of a rights issue apparently are groundless.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hambro Life shares surge on bid talk

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares of **Hambro Life Assurance** stole the City takeover limelight yesterday. They surged 27p to 438p as speculation swirled that Charterhouse J. Rothschild was about to sell its 24.9 per cent shareholding, thus paving the way for a bid.

But Mr Mark Weinberg, chairman of HLA, and Mr David Montagu, chief executive of CJR, rejected the gossip.

Mr Weinberg said: "We know of no reason for the share price rise. Various brokers have telephoned to suggest we can expect a bid. Some suggested Security Pacific, others Citicorp or National Westminster. Then one put forward Commercial Union. When I heard CU mentioned as a bidder I decided I had heard everything".

Mr Montagu commented: "We regard our shareholding as a good long term investment and know of no reason for the rise in the shares".

CJR acquired its HLA shareholding as a prelude to a full scale merger between the two companies. But the proposed deal was called off in June.

HLA could, however, play a significant role in the City revolution and some market men are convinced that it will eventually collect a bid from a bigger financial group.

At its present share price HLA is valued at approaching £530 million. Its shares have this year been as high as 504p.

Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance is another large shareholder with a 10.2 per cent stake.

Other life insurance shares made headway. Composites were firm following the CU figures. CI was unchanged at 173p.

Elsewhere in the markets, top 30 shares had a mixed day after Tuesday's strong gains, with the *FT* 30 share index slipping 0.6 of a point to 923.7. The 100 share *FT*-SE index lost 2.2 points to 1,181.5.

Dobson Park Industries, the mining engineering group, has crept back to 79p, close to its high for the year. Despite the miners' strike, some brokers expect a small second-half profit to bring the full-year figure to around £6 million. That is still well down on last year's £8 million, but better than the figure of less than £5 million bandied around this summer. Analysts also expect the dividend to be maintained again.

T I Group provided some glamour among the leaders, rising 12p to 218p as large blocks of the shares changed hands. The market heard rumours of another stake being built up at the engineering group – earlier this year Electrolux, the Swedish white goods maker, bought about 3 per cent of T I, but later sold at a profit.

Market talk suggested American buying and dealers reckoned three or four million shares were traded in the course of the day.

Plessey slipped 4p to 228p as anxious noises emerged from analysts ahead of today's second quarter figures. Most expected profits for the three months of about £44-45m, making a six month total of roughly £87m and leaving forecasts of £200m for the year too high.

More worringly, there were whispers of still less profit in the offing. Suggestions of only £41m for the second quarter were heard.

BP got an 8p boost to 493p as buyers moved in ahead of the next round of profits news. Other oil shares were also brighter, with Lasmo and Tricentrol both looking particularly healthy.

Lasmo jumped 15p to 358p on a flurry of rumours about favorable drilling reports and possible bid action on the way. Talk of a takeover by Broken Hill Proprietaries, Australia's largest company, has lingered around Lasmo for several months now.

Tricentrol share exploration areas in theFar East with Lasmo, and Tricentrol shares added 5p to 216p.

Among mining stocks, **Hampton Gold Mining Areas** crept 5p higher to 181p. The shares have come back to life in recent days.

Hampton Areas has UK coal mining businesses, as well as large mineral interests in Australia and oil in the North Sea, and the shares have been at a low level throughout the summer. Half year results are due soon.

Equities started weakly with "footsie" at one time down almost eight points. But the undertone remained firm and in good two way business shares regained almost all the ground lost at the opening.

Despite the high level of unemployment in South Wales and the impact of the miners' strike on the area, Buckley's Brewery, based at Llanelli, has increased interim profits by 38 per cent, and more than £1 million (against £796,000) seems likely for the year. The shares, at 50p, are among the lowest rated of the regional breweries.

Government stocks ended little changed.

Panic touched the shares of S R Gent, sending them 18p lower to 166p. Worries about this clothing makers business with Marks and Spencer were behind the fall, with market men waiting anxiously to hear what Mr Sidney Marks, the S R Gent chairman, will tell shareholders at the annual meeting on Monday.

Mild autumn weather has hit sales of heavy winter clothes for women, and Marks and Spencer is reckoned to be cutting prices sharply in order to clear stocks and make space for an early introduction of spring fashions. That means a squeeze on margins for M & S suppliers. S R Gent is one of the best known makers of ladies wear for the St Michael brand.

Mr Donald Anderson, analyst at brokers Vivan Gray and a follower of S R Gent, says "I expect to downgrade my forecast for the current year from £6.8 million to around £6 million".

Marks and Spencer's own shares dipped 5p to 125p, but other M & S clothes suppliers held firm. I J Dewhirst, which makes menswear for the chain store, gained 1p to 99p, and Nottingham manufacturing, which supplies knitwear, picked up 2p to 204p.

Also on the stores pitches, **Burton Group** gained 11p to 384p as the City showed appreciation of the 44 per cent jump in full year profits.

Distillers, which held an investment talk-in last week, jumped 6p to 6p to 295p in late trading.

Smiths industries gained 15p to 665p on the 38 per cent profits advance and share split and Johnson Matthey eased on the interim statment. **Quest Automation** jumped 18p to 78p on its deal to supply the Amstrad computer.

Lex Service Group fell 18p to 320p following a brokers' lunch and **Tesco** slipped 5p to 211p as interim profits of £30 million were in line with expectations.

Octopus rose 309p to 815p on its £21 million bid for **Websters Group**, up 47p at 133p.

Hoskins & Horton, the building supplies group, fell 4p to 266p as it rejected a higher offer from Scottish Heritable Trust. The new bid, a mixture of cash and shares, values Hoskins at 267p a share. SHT is offering a 255p cash alternative. The bidders now have 29.3 per cent of Hoskins shares.

WALL STREET

	Nov 13	Nov 12
AMF Inc	15½	15⅝
AMR	31¼	31⅜
Allied Corp	34⅛	39¼
Allied Stores	53	53
Allis Chalmers	7⅜	7⅝
Alcoa	36¼	36⅜
Amax Inc	18⅝	18⅝
Amerada Hess	29⅝	29⅞
Am Brands	62⅞	-63¾
Am Broadcast	60	60⅛
Am Can	49⅝	49⅝
Am Cyanamid	48⅝	48⅝
Am Elec Power	20⅜	20⅜
Am Home	50⅛	50¾
Am Motors	4⅜	4
Am Nat Res	37¼	37¼
Am Standard	32⅝	33
Am Telephone	18⅝	18⅜
Armco Steel	11¼	11¼
Asarco	24⅜	24⅝
Ashland Oil	27⅜	28⅜
Atlantic Richfield	45⅜	45¼
Avco	38	38
Avon Products	21¼	21½
Bankers Tst NY	53¼	53½
Bank of America	18⅛	18⅛
Bank of Boston	40⅝	40⅝
Bank of NY	33½	33⅝
Beatrice Foods	29⅝	29⅞
Bethlehem Steel	17⅜	17⅝
Boeing	56⅝	57
Boise Cascade	38¼	39½
Borden	58	58⅝
Borg Warner	21⅝	21⅝
Bristol Myers	49½	48⅝
BP	34⅝	35⅝
Burlington Ind	29⅛	35
Burlington Nthn	45½	46⅛
Burroughs	54⅞	54½
Campbell Soup	69⅛	68⅛
Canadian Pacific	37⅝	37⅛
Caterpillar	31⅛	33⅜
Celanese	79	79⅝
Central Soya	14	14⅝
Chase Manhat	43½	43⅝
Chem Bank NY	30⅝	31¼
Chevron	32⅛	33
Chrysler	29¼	29⅜
Citicorp	35⅛	36⅛
Clark Equip	27⅛	27⅛
Coca Cola	63⅝	64⅝
Colgate	24⅛	24⅛
CBS	76	79⅝
Columbia Gas	31⅝	31⅝
Combustion Eng	31⅝	31⅛
Commwlth Edison	27⅝	27⅝
Cons Edison	27⅞	28⅝
Cons Foods	33⅝	33⅛
Cons Power	4⅝	4⅝
Continental Grp	58⅝	58⅝
Control Data	35⅝	34⅛
Corning Glass	66	66⅝
CPC Intl	40	39⅛
Crane	34½	34⅛
Crocker Intl	25⅛	25⅝
Crown Zeller	29⅝	29⅝
Dart & Kraft	84	84½
Deere	30⅝	31
Delta Air	38⅝	38⅝
Detroit Edison	15⅛	15⅝
Digital Equip	104⅝	105⅛
Disney	57⅛	58⅝
Dow Chemical	28⅛	29⅝
Dresser Ind	19⅝	19⅛
Duke Power	28⅛	28⅝
Du Pont	47½	47⅛
Eastern Air	4⅝	4⅝
Eastman Kodak	74	74⅝
Eaton Corp	52⅛	52⅝
Emerson Elect	69⅝	69⅝
Evans Prod	4⅝	4⅛
Exxon Corp	43¼	43¼

	Nov 13	Nov 12
Fed Dept Stores	49⅝	51
Firestone	17⅛	17⅛
Fst Chicago	21¼	21¼
Fst Intrst Bncp	40⅝	40⅛
Fst Penn Corp	5⅛	5⅝
Ford	47⅝	47⅛
GAF Corp	25	25¼
GTE Corp	40⅝	40⅝
Gen Corp	33¼	33⅝
Gen Dynamics	65⅝	65⅝
Gen Electric	56⅝	57⅛
Gen Foods	57	58
Gen Mills	53⅛	53¼
Gen Motors	78⅛	78¼
Gen Pub Util NY	11⅝	11⅛
Genesco	6	6
Georgia Pacific	23⅝	24⅝
Gillette	56½	56⅝
Goodrich	27⅛	27⅛
Goodyear	25⅛	26
Gould Inc	22	22⅝
Grace	43	43⅜
Gt Atlc & Pacific	17	16⅝
Greyhound	23⅝	23⅝
Grumman Corp	27	27⅛
Gulf & West	28⅛	28⅛
Heinz H. J.	42⅛	43⅛
Hercules	33⅝	33⅝
Honeywell	59⅝	59⅝
IC Inds	26⅛	26½
Ingersoll	41	42⅛
Inland Steel	22⅝	23
IBM	122⅛	123⅝
Int Harvester	7⅛	7⅛
INCO	11½	11⅝
Int Paper	50⅛	51⅛
Int Tel Tel	27⅝	28⅛
Irving Bank	30⅝	30⅝
Jewel Co	72⅝	72⅝
Jim Walter	29⅝	30⅝
Johnson & John	33⅛	34⅛
Kaiser Alumn	14	14⅛
Kerr McGee	29⅛	30⅛
Kimberly Clark	47⅛	48⅛
K Mart	34½	35
Kroger	38	38⅛
L.T.V. Corp	10⅛	10⅝
Litton	64⅛	65⅛
Lockheed	44⅛	45⅝
Lucky Stores	17⅝	17⅛
Manuf Hanover	30½	31
Manville Cp	6⅝	6½
Mapco	26	26⅝
Marine Midland	26⅛	26⅝
Martin Marietta	44⅛	44⅝
McDonnell	68⅝	70
Mead	36	37⅛
Merck	85½	87
Minnesota Mng	81⅝	82⅝
Mobil Oil	29	29
Monsanto	45⅝	45⅝
Morgan J. P.	75	75½
Motorola	34⅛	34⅝
NCR Corp	26	26⅛
NL Industries	11⅝	12
Nabisco	52⅛	52⅛
Nat Distillers	26⅝	26⅝
Nat Med Ent	22⅝	22⅛
Norfolk South	56⅛	56⅝
NW Bancorp	24⅝	24⅝
Occidental Pet	30⅝	30⅝
Ogden	26⅛	26⅝
Olin Corp	30⅛	30⅝
Owens-Illinois	39⅛	40
Pacific Gas Elec	16⅛	16⅛
Pan Am	4⅝	4⅛
Penney J. C.	52⅝	53
Pennzoil	42	41⅝
Pepsico	44⅝	44⅛
Pfizer	38⅛	38⅛
Phelps Dodge	15⅛	16⅝
Philip Morris	80⅝	80⅝

	Nov 13	Nov 12
Phillips Petrol	42⅝	42⅛
Polaroid	27⅛	28
PPG Ind	34⅛	34⅝
Proctor Gamble	56½	57⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	29⅛	29⅝
Raytheon	39⅝	39⅛
RCA Corp	36	36⅝
Reynolds Ind	68⅝	68⅝
Reynolds Metal	34⅛	34⅝
Rockwell Int	29⅝	29⅝
Royal Dutch	52	52
Safeways	25⅛	25⅝
St Regis Paper	37⅝	38
SFE Sopac	30⅛	29⅛
SCM	43⅝	42⅛
Schlumberger	40⅝	41⅝
Scott Paper	32⅝	32⅝
Seagram	36⅝	37
Sears Roebuck	31⅝	31⅝
Shell Oil	52⅝	53⅛
Shell Trans	33⅝	33⅝
Signal Co	31⅝	32⅛
Singer	31	31⅛
Smithkline Beck	57⅛	52⅛
Sony	15⅝	15⅛
Sth Cal Edison	22⅝	22⅝
Sperry Corp	38	38⅛
Std Oil Indiana	57⅝	57⅛
Std Oil Ohio	43½	49⅛
Sterling Drug	27⅛	28⅛
Stevens J. P.	16⅝	16⅝
Sun Comp	47⅛	47⅝
Teledyne	257⅛	261½
Tenneco	36⅛	37
Texaco	34	34⅛
Texas East Corp	29⅛	29⅝
Texas Inst	122⅛	122⅝
Texas Utilities	26⅛	26⅛
Textron	37⅛	37⅛
TWA	31	31⅝
Travelers Corp	36⅛	36⅝
TRW Inc	74⅛	73⅝
UAL Inc	41⅛	41⅝
Union Carbide	50⅛	50⅝
Unocal	40⅛	40⅛
Un Pacific Corp	39⅝	39⅛
Uniroyal	12⅝	12⅝
United Brands	12	12⅝
US Steel	24½	25
Utd Technol	35⅝	36⅝
Wachovia	26	36⅛
Warner Comms	20⅛	20⅛
Warner Lambert	34	34⅛
Wells Fargo	46⅝	46⅛
Westinghse Elec	25⅛	26
Weyerhauser	27⅛	28⅛
Whirlpool	43⅝	44
Woolworth	37	37⅝
Xerox Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Zenith	23⅛	23⅝
Canadian Prices		
Abitibi	29	28½
Alcan Alumin	37⅛	37⅛
Algoma Steel	30	29⅝
Bell Telephone	34⅛	34⅛
Can Pacific	49⅛	50
Cominco	14⅛	15
Cons Bathurst	16½	16⅛
Gulf Oil	17½	17⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	18⅛	18⅛
Hudson Bay Mng	7	7⅛
Imasco	44⅝	44½
Imperial Oil	44	43⅝
Int Pipe	31⅝	31⅛
Mass.-Fergsn	3.30	3.40
Royal Trustco	34⅛	34⅛
Seagram	48⅛	49
Steel Co	19⅛	39
Thomson N 'A'	47⅛	47⅛
Walker Hiram	29⅝	29⅝
WCT	13⅝	13⅝

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Country comes to the City

By Judith Huntley

Newcomer Bride Hall plans some significant deals after its success with business park

Mr Danny Desmond founded his Bride Hall Group just last year. He is only too well aware that he has to establish the company's credibility with the upper echelons of the City establishment. That is something he is going all out to do.

The first, and very important step in this direction, was his ability to persuade PosTel to fund the 75 acre £60 million business park planned for Letchworth Garden City in Hertfordshire.

This proved to be "no problem" but he knows that the company's success lies in getting a stream of good deals off the ground and there are several in the pipeline at the moment. Doing deals is something that Mr Desmond obviously relishes and as chief executive feels his team at Bride Hall can do them well. He admits that he wants to build the company up fairly rapidly *feeling perhaps that time is not* on his side. He need not have bothered to continue in property development at all after his split from the Hunting Gate Group but property appears to be what makes him tick.

His track record at Hunting Gate and his friendly connections with Mr Fred Reeder at PosTel no doubt helped to get the Letchworth business park funded. Already two lettings are about to be tied up there. Companies already in Letchworth are taking 10,000 and 35,000 sq ft built for them by Bride Hall with rents believed to be about £3.85 a sq ft.

Despite Mr Desmond's keenness to build up Bride Hall and its subsidiary, Elliott Developments, he is well aware of the pitfalls of wanting to do too much too soon. As he says the worst sort of trap for a property man is anxiety to close a deal. You can find yourself working for little or no profit and in that case it is better to miss out. His view is that you tailor what you want to do to the investors' requirements and do the deal.

If this policy pays off, Bride Hall and Mr Desmond, could find themselves with a large workload on their hands. Some schemes are still under wraps but we may see some significant City of London deals soon if all goes according to plan. Mr Desmond says he has a lot of *money out at the moment and* so needs to get developments sold or forward funded to generate cash for the company.



Danny Desmond: well aware of pitfalls

In a way it is easier for a fledgling company like Bride Hall to look at potential schemes that the big boys in the industry would not bother to investigate. The competition will be looking to exploit all the angles.

Elliott Developments has launched itself in the retail market. It has bought a site in Norwich from Norwich Breweries opposite Marks and Spencer and is talking to a fund *on the financing at the moment.*

This area is one in which Mr Desmond is keen to expand. It is certainly one of the most active in the property world at the moment with opportunities *for trading companies like Bride* Hall to make healthy profits. A recent retail acquisition in Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire, appears to have brought the institutions to its door, something that any property company would welcome let alone one as new as Bride Hall.

On the office development side Bride Hall is likely to find a *tenant for its Chertsey* development in Surrey which is nearly complete and funding is about to be tied up for its 30,500 sq ft of offices at Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

The local Hertfordshire newspapers group will take one of *the buildings and the other* looks likely to be let soon. In this case, Mr Desmond's concentration on finding just the right sites to get the right return on his money appears to be paying off.

Bride Hall could well manage this with another large acquisiton in Hertfordshire, his home territory. If this comes off and he finds funding for the project, it will establish the company as a force to be reckoned with.

It is, however, not only on the acquisition side that we should be watching Mr Desmond. His desire to establish credibility could well take a leap forward before too long with some top level names becoming involved with the company itself.

Hertfordshire looks like being the key to Bride Halls success, *after all the company is named* after Mr Desmond's home there but the City of London could turn out to be a milestone in the company's short history.

Cribbs Causeway starts to pay off

● *Equitable Life* has funded the 230,000 sq ft distribution centre for Argyll Foods at Cribbs Causeway, Bristol, to the tune of about £7 million. The scheme was developed by the Isis Group, the construction plant hire, property development and service company which was the subject of a management buyout in 1981 from the Trustee Savings Bank after the bank's takeover of the United Dominions Trust. Isis is developing a 50-acre site at Cribbs Causeway with Jack Bayliss, a *local* builder. The Prudential is also involved there, owning a site between the two held by Isis and its partner. Isis is keen to expand its involvement in the Canadian property market where it is refurbishing a building in Hamilton, Ontario, into a speciality shopping centre.

● BP Chemicals International *has decided to take its 52,000 sq* ft of surplus office space at Belgrave House, Buckingham Palace Road, London, off the market. It will share the building with BP Minerals International which is moving from its City of London offices at Masons Avenue by the middle of next year. Savills is advising BP Chemicals.

● Speyhawk, which developed Samuel Ryder House in St *Albans, Hertfordshire, in* conjunction with Barclays Life Assurance Company, has let the 20,620 sq ft building to Farmitalia Carlo Erba, an Italian pharmaceutical company. The tenant has a rent-free period and is paying £200,000 a year for the space. Savills, Perks & Co and Henry Butcher acted for Speyhawk and Grant & Partners represented the tenant.

● J Sainsbury, which recently announced its plans for developing a Savacentre with *British Home Stores at Meton,* south London, has bought the site unconditionally from DRG for more than £4 million. The former Merton Board Mills site of 10 acres is in Merton High Street. DRG was represented by J R Eve and Grant & Partners.

● City and County Land, the retail arm of the Ladbroke Group, has brought the 43-acre Cwmbran town centre from Cwmbran Development Corporation for more than £13 million. The yield was fairly high at 8-9 per cent but does allow the developer to inject cash into refurbishing the shopping and office development which has been built over the last 20 years. The shopping centre has a David Evans department store, three large supermarkets, including J Sainsbury, and a large number of multiples in the 150 shops.

There are 100,000 sq ft of office space, part of which will be occupied by the development corporation until it is wound up. City and County is preparing its plans for the centre and finalizing its management role before taking over the development next March. It was the highest bidder for the scheme which had an asking price of £15 million. Hillier Parker acted for Cwmbran Development Corporation and Michael Laurie & Partners advised City and County Land.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 1-3 St Pauls Churchyard EC4P 4DX 01-236 1693			
120.3	88.7	American Growth	114.4	121.7	1.91
83.1	65.4	Cmdty & Energy	76.9	82.2e	2.71
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		Cannon Fund Managers Ltd, 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA 0NB 01-902 8876			
197.9	127.5	Growth	197.9	210.6e	5.68
227.2	137.4	Income	227.2	241.7e	5.50
122.6	100.0	Far East	116.7	124.3e	0.64
114.9	91.0	Nth Amer	106.4	113.2e	2.11
		Capel (James) Management Ltd.			
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72.7	59.8	Japan Trust	68.5	72.8	0.17
63.4	46.9	Special Sits	60.7	64.8e	1.46
43.2	31.4	UK Sm Co Rec	41.3	44.0e	1.36
		Grieveson Management-Barrington Funds, 59 Gresham St, EC2P 2DS 01-606 4433			
644.7	461.5	General	644.7	683.1	3.84
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		MLA Unit Trust Management, Old Queen Street, SW1A 9JG 01-222 0311			
252.0	159.4	MLA Units	231.4	245.2	2.39
36.3	25.0	MLA Intl	34.1	36.1e	0.95
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FOOTBALL: ISTANBUL DELIGHT FOR BOBBY ROBSON AS HIS TEAM PEPPER A SITTING TARGET

England gorge themselves on Turkey

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Istanbul

Turkey 0
England 8

History was made in more than one sense here in the Inonu Stadium yesterday afternoon. The first full international between the two countries ended with England's biggest victory on foreign soil since they beat the United States 10-0 in 1964 and their largest in Europe since they dismissed Luxembourg 9-0 in 1960.

Turkey may not be the worst side in the world but it is difficult to imagine a group of international representatives who are lower on the global scale. Their goalkeeper was inept, their defence was disorganized, their midfield was inefficient and their attack was anonymous. Added to all those technical weaknesses, they showed no heart either.

To say they were overwhelmed scarcely tells the full story. They were three down by the interval, seven down after an hour and were fortunate to avoid a defeat of such embarrassing proportions that those who had not seen it woud not have believed it. The ease of England's win, in this World Cup qualifyuing tie, was hardly credible as it was.

The transformation in the reactions of the crowd, all 45,000 of them, was significant and dramatic. A full two hours before the kick off they were stirred so vehemently by elderly male cheer-leaders that the noise was audible from the England team's hotel, half a mile up the hill. By the end they were applauding their visitors and jeering their own team.

The manner in which the audience gasped early on at the length of Sansom's throw-in, a Williams feint that can be seen on English school playing fields and a couple of tricks from Barnes suggested that they unaccustomed to events considered relatively ordinary in the Football League. They had not, at that stage, witnessed England's finishing.

That, above all, was the most satisfying aspect of the chilly afternoon. Considering the alarming deficiencies of the opposition, opportunities were bound to proliferate and only after the hour, when Turkey's spirit might have been dropped like an anchor in the nearby Bosphorus, did England's accuracy let them down. Within 20 minutes, they then missed five open chances.



Seven up: Bryan Robson, the England captain, rises above the Turk's head to score the first.

Not so at the beginning. England took the lead from their first corner after a quarter of an hour. Taken by the outstanding Wilkins, it exposed all the aerial weaknesses of the Turkish defence. Butcher beat Yasar, the goalkeeper, to the ball, Anderson headed it on and Robson, closing in on the far post, nodded it home.

Butcher created the second four minutes later by dispossessing Rasit deep inside Turkey's half and releasing Woodcock. The Arsenal forward later to be replaced by Francis, ran on before beating Yasar with a firm drive.

With so many left-footed individuals in England's line-up, it was important that Williams stayed wide to the right. Sadly, he began to drift elsewhere. Bobby Robson, sitting on his own in the middle of the running track surrounding the sodden turf, was visibly annoyed as England temporarily lost their balance and their direction. The wayward Williams did build the foundations for the third goal at the end of the first half and should have claimed it himself after breaking through on his own. Yasar touched his effort on to a post and Robson beat Woodcock to the rebound.

The second half turned into an astonishing procession. Barnes, who had not scored since his glittering run in Brazil last summer, added two more from close range in the 48th and 55th minutes and Robson claimed his third and England's sixth at the end of the most glorious move of the match. After exchanging with Wilkins, his shot was almost contemptuous.

Woodcock, with the assistance of Wilkins and Anderson, increased the margin to seven on the hour. If Woodcock, twice, and Withe, twice, had not failed to take opportunities, if an effort by Stevens had not been disallowed and if Anderson had fallen over when tripped inside the area, England would have been deep into double figures

As it was, Withe – whose performance and that of Williams were the only disappointing features of an otherwise fluent and encouraging display – brought himself some personal compensation with four minutes to go. He flicked on another corner and Anderson, the replacement for the injured Duxbury, claimed his first goal for his country. It brought England's tally to 13–0 after two matches in group three, which they now lead.

TURKEY: Yasar; Ismail, Yusuf, Kemal, Cem, Rasit, Mujdat, Ridvan, Ahmet, Ilyas (sub: Hasan), Erdal.
ENGLAND: P Shilton (Southampton); V Anderson (Arsenal), K Sansom (Arsenal), S Williams (Southampton), (sub: G Stevens, Tottenham Hotspur), M Wright (Southampton), T Butcher (Ipswich), B Robson (Manchester United), R Wilkins (AC Milan), P Withe (Aston Villa), A Woodcock (Arsenal) (sub: T Francis, Sampdoria), J Barnes (Watford).
Referee: K Christov (Czechoslovakia).

GROUP THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	13	0	4
Finland	3	2	0	1	3	6	4
N Ireland	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Romania	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Turkey	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Mark Hateley said yesterday, on the eve of an operation to his injured right kneecap, that he expects to be back in action for AC Milan in about 20 days. Doctors had originally said he may be out for as long as two months.

Mike Duxbury, injured during England's match against Finland last month is challenging for a place in Manchester United's team for their home game against Luton Town on Saturday. He came through a reserve game on Tuesday.

Positive shape of things to come

From David Miller
Istanbul

Small in stature, experience and ability, Turkey were a sitting target for an England team improving match by match. The value of this runaway victory lies as much in the morale for the whole squad and as a warning to others, rather than proof of excellence. That has still to come: Turkey, more so than Finland last month, were never really in the contest.

So dominant were England that after the first two goals the passionate but friendly crowd, so vibrantly nationalistic for more than an hour before the kick-off, settled down to enjoy an exhibition, and were audibly disappointed when, with the score at seven, Peter Withe twice squandered open chances to push the tally towards double figures. The spectators revelled in the class and authority of Wilkins and Bryan Robson, the elusiveness of Barnes, and they were happy to see all the goals England could get.

Used as the nearest comparable replacement to Hateley, Withe was perhaps the only player yesterday not technically in a different class to the opposition. Among the lessons of the afternoon was the suggestion that Withe may not be the best alternative to Hateley when the defences are somewhat less porous than Turkey's, especially if England are going to persist with their present and up to now rewarding tactical formation. Too often moves broke down on him, for all his characteristic willingness to run and his endless determination.

Other indications of Bobby Robson's attitude may be detected in his second half substitutions: Stevens for Williams, Francis for Woodcock. There were signs in the first half, as the manager made gestures of exasperation towards Don Howe on the bench from his advanced position out on the running track – where he had seated himself on a tiny chair to secure a better view past the initerant photographers – that he was less than happy with Woodcock's final touch and with Williams's occasional casualness.

Francis was as lively as a cricket when he came on. If only his fitness could be assured, he would help form – together with Hateley and Barnes – an England front line which would put fear into anyone. But Francis is at that stage in his career when nothing can be guaranteed, and, as with so many aspects of this job, Bobby Robson must live from month to month.

Picturing the game at a moment's glance

Stevens did not really have time to demonstrate any obvious improvement on Williams's contribution, because the match by then had become merely an embarrassment for the Turkish team as they flailed around in vain attempts to halt the flood. Jupp Durvall, the former West German national manager who helps run the Turkish team, was whistled and booed when he appeared on the pitch beforehand, but he cannot be blamed specifically for such a defeat. The Turks just did not have the skill and the knowledge to cope with England's at times cleverly integrated play.

Wilkins was in superb form, taunting the Turkish midfield, and picturing the whole game at a moment's glance. Allowing for the fact that there was little to beat, he was seldom shown the quality of his touch and vision to better effect.

Nothing really can be said of the defence, for there was nothing for them to stop, and it was half an hour before Shilton was required to handle the ball. There was a feeling, however, that Anderson has brought some refinement when going forward which was missing with Duxbury, though it remains to be seen on sterner days than this whether he is also a better defender. How frustrating it is that it will be another three months before England can again measure their improvement. There is much to be satisfied with for the moment.

The England manager, delighted that his team are beginning to take positive and encouraging shape, said afterwards: "Had we won by two or three goals we would have been satisfied, so this was a terrific performance. But the hardest bit is still to come. We've handled the easiest bit with quite a lot of skill.

"Today we had to set out to quell the crowd and the team early on, which we did. At half-time, there was the choice to ask the team whether they wanted to sit on it, or go out and be ruthless and try to get 10. I didn't have to ask them – I could see from the look on their faces what they wanted."

Commenting on the substitutions he said he had brought on Francis "because I want to keep him internationally minded." Understandably, Robson indulged in no criticisms.

B team subtle as a bludgeon

By Michael Rowbottom

All the familiar strengths and weaknesses of the national game were on display at the City Ground, Nottingham, on Tuesday as England's B team managed only a 2-0 win over New Zealand. There was running in abundance. There was almost continual possession. And there was a lack of sublety which undermined all the effort.

Howard Wilkinson, in charge of the B team, will be giving a detailed report to Bobby Robson as soon as the England manager returns from Turkey. His task will be the more palatable for Mabbutt's headed goal in the last minute, which ensured a result that was just about respectable.

Hodge raised expectations with a neatly taken goal after 20 minutes, but then England tried to bludgeon their way through. Their tactic of high, early crosses would have made more sense if they had had a forward of recognized power in the air. As it was, the New Zealanders rose, repeatedly, to the same challenge.

As a guide to suitability for promotion to the senior squad, the match was only partially successful. After discussing the idea with Robson, Wilkinson adapted a defensive system used by his club, Sheffield Wednesday, which involved Graham Roberts playing as a forward sweeper in front of Alvin Martin and Derek Mountfield.

The plan had the desired effect of releasing the full backs, McCall and Stevens, to go forward, but as Wilkinson pointed out, New Zealand were unable to produce enough attacks to test the new formation, and England reverted to a normal line-up in the second half with Callaghan coming on in place of Mountfield.

Apart from the full backs, the Nottingham Forest pair of Davenport and Hodge did most to advance their claims for a place in the World Cup squad. But doubts about Blissett persist.

For New Zealand, rebuilding for their World Cup qualifying matches next year, the result was highly satisfying. They owed much to an outstanding performance in defence from Ricki Herbert, aged 23, who signed for Wolverhampton Wanderers at the beginning of the tour, rejoining Tommy Docherty, who had been his manager at Sydney Olympic.

Fulham will get only £90,000 for Davies

Chelsea must pay £90,000 for Fulham's Welsh international forward, Gordon Davies, a Football League tribunal ruled in London yesterday. A further £35,000 must be handed over by Chelsea if Davies completes 35 competitive first team appearances for the Stamford Bridge club.

But the tribunal's decision is a disappointment to the second division club who had valued Davies at £300,000 despite Chelsea's offer of only £60,000.

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, attended the hearing and agreed immediately to sign Davies, who looks set to make his first division debut in Saturday's home match against West Bromwich Albion.

Davies, who also attended the hearing, has won 14 caps for Wales, but is now out of favour with manager Mike England and missed last night's World Cup qualifying international against Iceland in Cardiff.

His belated elevation however, to first division status after nearly 300 first-team appearances and over 100 goals for Fulham must give Davies an outstanding chance of reclaiming his international place.

Davies

Davies, who has scored six goals in his last seven games and scored a treble against Chelsea last season, ended months of speculation by signing for Fulham's West London neighbours a fortnight ago, but the deal immediately went into limbo because the clubs could not agree the fee.

The tribunal, chaired by Sir John Wood, consisted of League secretary Graham Kelly, PFA secretary Gordon Taylor and Alan Leather

Down in Dundee

Pat Nevin, of Chelsea, best described the after-match feelings in the Scotland camp after Tuesday night's 2-0 European under-21 championship defeat by Spain at Dundee. "I have felt better," he said.

Spain forced four corners in succession at he start, the last of which prduced a goal-line clearance from McPherson, and they took the lead after 24 minutes when Eloy, thier winger, rounded off a three-man move with a drive from the edge of the area.

A goal one minute from time by Beguiristain emphasised the visitors' superiority.

Yesterday's results

World Cup
Group three

TURKEY (0) 0 ENGLAND (3) 8
40,000 Robson 3, Woodcock 2, Barnes 2, Anderson

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 3, Bristol Rovers 0.

RUGBY UNION
TOUR MATCH: Ulster 15, Australians 13.

Stars are anonymous on South Humberside

How unfashionable Grimsby have become a pacesetter

There is a widely held view that this season's second division lacks appeal and that whoever gains promotion will be the best of a mediocre bunch. On closer examination, however, this assessment seems a little harsh. Man for man, the players of the top three teams, Oxford United, Portsmouth and Blackburn Rovers, are probably as good, if not better, than those of Chelsea, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle United, who were all promoted last season.

Perhaps the critics are confusing crowd appeal with quality. Chelsea, Wednesday and Newcastle have big followings but your do not have to be a well supported club to play good football or provide entertainment. Grimsby Town are a case in point, for they hve been supplying both in generous measure.

In their last five matches they have scored 16 goals. Rotherham United, 6-1 losers in a Milk Cup third round replay, and Wolverhampton Wanderers, beaten 5-1 at Blundell Park on Saturday, were the sides who suffered most at Grimsby's expense. The victory over Wolves took Grimsby into fifth place and it would take a brave man to bet against their returning to the first division for the first time since 1948.

Signs of a Grimsby revival were evident last season when they finished fifth and numbered the second division champions, Chelsea, among their victims. However, the signs tended to be ignored because Grimsby are an unfashionable club. There are no stars at Blundell Park, just a collection of good, honest professionals who have blended into a formidable and enterprising team.

Fortunately, the talent of certain Grimsby individuals has not gone unnoticed by people in high places. Dave Sexton included Paul Wilkinson and Gary Lund, both forwards, in the England under-21 squad for the match against Turkey in Bursa on Tuesday.



Nicholl: still unyielding.

The best known Grimsby player is their centre half and assistant manager, Chris Nicholl. Nicholl, formerly of Southampton, Aston Villa, Luton Town and Northern Ireland, was a free transfer signing in the summer of 1983

David Booth, the Grimsby manager, does not hog the back page headlines in the manner of Clough, Atkinson, McMenemy, Allison and Bond. Indeed, he is virtually unknown outside of c‹th Humberside but is no less competent for that. Booth prefers to let his players do the talking for him, on the pitch, and they are expressing themselves in the most eloquent and persuasive way. If Everton, first division leaders and the team of the moment, underrate Grimsby in a forthcoming Milk Cup fourth round tie at Goodison Park, they will do so at their peril.

Vince Wright

Crumplin's scoring record poses a threat to York

Blue Star ready for take-off

FA CUP

Ian Crumplin, a boilerhouse engineer who plays in his spare time for Blue Star in the Wearside League, did not exactly have an impressive Football League career. Crumplin, a forward, joined Hartlepool United from Blue Star in 1978, scored only five goals in 29 League appearances, and a year later was on his way back to the club he had left.

York City, who entertain Blue Star on Saturday in the first round of the FA Cup, would do well to ignore those statistics. Crumplin, now aged 30, quickly rediscovered his touch on returning to the Newcastle club and now has one of the most impressive goal-scoring records in non-League football. In his seven seasons with Blue Star, Crumplin has averaged some 35 goals a year; his total of 58 last season was a club record and this season he has already scored 22, including seven in the Cup.

Colin Richardson, Blue Star's manager for the last three years, said: "Ian's a typical goalscorer in that sometimes he'll do nothing for 89 minutes and then get the winning goal. With him in our side, we've got to have a chance against York".

Richardson, who has spent all his playing and managerial career in non-League football in the north-east, has based his side on players with experience. Crumplin is one of several to have appeared in the Football League: Wicks and Hulse played for Darlington, Norton and Evans for Hartlepool, Honour for Hartlepool and Workington, and Harrison for Carlisle United and Southport.

Apart from their victory in the 1978 FA Vase final at Wembley – Crumplin, inevitably, scored the winning goal – the last two years have been the most successful in Blue Star's history. They have been Wearside League champions for the last two seasons and on their way to numerous cup triumphs, have beaten Gateshead, of the Gola League, and several of the best sides in the Northern League, in which most of the leading north-east clubs play. Wearside League clubs have reached the first round of the FA Cup on only four previous occasions and this is the furthest Blue Star have ever progressed.

The club was formed in 1932 with the help of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, whose emblem gives them their name. Their ground, which is leased from the brewery, is situated next to Newcastle Airport. There are no seats, covered accommodation or floodlights, but a number of ground improvements are being made as the club step up their campaign for election to the Northern League. Attendances average about 250 and the record gate was some 1,500

The airport authorities have always opposed Blue Star's plans to install floodlights because the ground is so close to the runway, but the club hope to get over the problem by moving their pitch 50 yards away.

Paul Newman

Booth forced to retire

Tommy Booth, the former Manchester City player, has been forced to retire. The central defender, aged 35 and now with Preston North End, has reluctantly decided to take the advice of specialists.

Booth, player-coach with Preston, has been troubled by a head injury for most of the season and was ordered to rest for a few weeks. On Saturday, after the match at Millwall, he was rushed to a London clinic complaining of sickness, double vision and headaches.

Booth, who has played more than 600 matches in a 17-year career, said yesterday: "I am bitterly disappointed. I feel fit enough to carry on, but I have been told that moreknocks to the head could cause more damage."

Booth, who will remain with the Ddepdale coaching staff, was signed by Tommy Docherty in 1981 for £35,000.

The move followed a successful career with Manchester City. He appeared in three League Cup finals and collected winners' medals in the FA Cup and European Winners' Cup.



Booth: medical advice.

● Simon Stainrod, the Queen's Park Rangers forward who said he wanted a transfer when he was dropped following the club's UEFA Cup defeat last week by Partisan Belgrade, was transfer-listed for a month yesterday.

● Don Dorman, the man who spotted Trevor Francis, Britain's first £1 million player, is joining Aston Villa as chief scout.

Hughes goal secures narrow win for Wales

By Clive White

Wales 2
Iceland 1

Wales beat Iceland in their group seven World Cup game at Ninian Park last night, though not with the ease that England had earlier managed in Turkey.

The England act was a tough one to follow. But Iceland had proved before yesterday evening that they are no third-rate footballing nation. Nevertheless, the absence of four of their best players, all refused release by their West German clubs, should have knocked some of the stuffing out of them. As it was, the Welsh were the ones to receive the early body blows with the loss of Curtis shortly before kick-off with a stomach upset, and Charles after 32 minutes play, carried off with a knee injury.

Charles was replaced by Hopkins, the Fulham defender, called up only hours earlier to fill the squad vacancy left by Curtis. The Southampton player, due to make his first international appearance in his new midfield role, was replaced for the match by Davies, the Manchester United winger, who once thrilled a 100,000 Wembley audience.

Jackett was prominent for Wales, working the ball purposefully forward down the left into the channel of the returning Rush. From such sources, James should have done better from 15 yards and then Hughes tested the ability of Sigurdsson in goal from 25 yards. Davies played a promising one-two with Thomas that left him with the goal beckoning, but his shot was kicked clear from the goalmouth by Bergs. Then, after 35 minutes Jackett flighted over a free-kick, Hughes nodded obligingly down, and Thomas, working hard to move out of an uninspiring patch of form, swept the ball home.

The exceptional quality of individuals like Rush and Hughes meant that Wales were always in with a good chance of scoring, but collectively, they did not look solid. The lack of a ball-winner and James's equally obvious lack of first-team football in midfield meant that the Welsh defence could be suddenly, disturbingly placed under attack.

They were also thinly populated in the 54th minute when Iceland pulled level. Gudjohnsen a player of lively talent, played forward to Margeirsson, who neatly slipped the ball inside to Petursson, a delightfully balanced forward who plays for Feyenoord. Petursson, the captain in the absence of Sigurvinsson, steered his shot with commendable nerve round the exposed Southall in goal.

Fortunately for Wales, they promptly climbed back into the driving seat before the match had veered out of their control, when seven minutes later, Phillips crossed from the right, Thomas headed down and Hughes lashed the bobbing ball into the net.

WALES: N Southall (Everton); N Slatter (Bristol Rovers), K Jackett (Watford), K Ratcliffe (Everton), J Charles (Queen's Park Rangers), M Thomas (Chelsea), D Phillips (Manchester City), R James (Queen's Park Rangers), I Rush (Liverpool), M Hughes (Manchester United), A Davies (Manchester United).
ICELAND: Sigurdsson (Akranes); T Thrainsson (Valur), Sigurdur Jonsson (Valur), M Bergs (Eintracht Brunswick), S Gretarsson (Iraklis Salonika), Saevar Jonsson (Bruges), A Gudjohnsen (Anderlecht), P Petursson (Feyenoord), R Margeirsson (IBK), G Thorbjornsson (Valur), A Sveinsson (IA).
REFEREE: E Farrell (Dublin).

Last night's results

WORLD CUP: Group-five: Austria 1, Netherlands 0. Group six: Danmark 3, Republic of Ireland 0.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University 3, Bedford 8; Coventry 20, Nuneaton 12; Gloucester 22, Cheltenham 15; Hartlepool Rovers v Percy Park cancelled.

Boca SOS

Buenos Aires, (Reuter) – Boca Juniors, one of Argentina's most popular and successful football clubs, have asked the Government for money in an attempt to avoid losing their stadium and top players.

After fielding a team of youngsters in a 4-1 defeat by their traditional rivals, River Plate, the club's interim president, Horacio Blanco, said Boca would need $US 280,000 by the end of the year. "The economic problems are urgent," he said.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

B INTERNATIONAL: England 2, New Zealand 0.

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group two: Portugal 0, Sweden 1; Group three: Turkey 0, England 0; Group five: Austria 0, Netherlands 0; Group seven: Scotland 0, Spain 2.

WORLD CUP: African zone: Group two: First round, second leg: Tunisia 4, Benin 0 (Tunisia won 6-0 on aggregate and qualify for second round).

SECOND DIVISION: Barnsley 1, Sheffield United 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 2, Bradford City 4; Liverpool 2, Everton 1; Manchester United 1, Stoke 1. Second division: Grimsby 0, Hull 2; Leeds 4, Burnley 1; Middlesbrough 2, Oldham 2; Rotherham 1, Doncaster 2; Sunderland 1, Wolverhampton 0; Wigan 4, Bolton 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton 0, West Ham 3; Fulham 3, Charlton 0; Queen's Park Rangers 3, Chelsea 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton 0, Dulwich Hamlet 2; Hitchin 1, Harlow 1; Leytonstone and Ilford 3, Tooting and Mitcham 2. Second division south: Dorking 1, Petersfield 0. Second division north: Finchley 0, Hemel Hempstead 2; Harefield 1, Wolverton 2; Heybridge Swifts 2, Cheshunt 0; Marlow 0, Flackwell Heath 2. Cup: Second round: Aveley 2, Wycombe Wanderers 3, Letchworth 3, Leatherhead 1; Lewes 4, Whyteleafe 1; Leyton-Wingate 4, Walthamstow Avenue 1; Maidenhead 0, Bishop's Stortford 1; Stevenage Borough 4, Boreham Wood 2 (aet); Wokingham 1, Kingstonian 1 (aet).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Morecambe 3, Oswestry 1.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Feltham 1, Hendon 1; Staines 3, Hampton 1; Southall 2, Ruislip Manor 4.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Second round: Aylesbury 1, Slough 0.

HERTS SENIOR CUP: First round: Hertford 1, Barnet 3.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Forest Green 2, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Stourbridge 1, Bridgnorth 3. Premier division: Gravesend 0, Chelmsford 1; Hastings 0, Fisher 0; Witney 5, Gloucester 1.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Stansted 1, Ford 3.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Braintree 3, Thetford 1.

FA VASE: First round replay: Irlam 1, Fleetwood 2.

ESSEX THAMES-SIDE TROPHY: Watford 1, Hornchurch 2.

LARRY PRITCHARD TESTIMONIAL: Sutton 3, Tottenham 5.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Leatherhead 0, Wimbledon 3; Newport 4, Swindon 4; Ipswich 6, Cambridge 0; Hednesford 0, West Bromwich 0; Swansea 1, Plymouth 2; Torquay 1, Oxford 6.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Aldenham 0, Charterhouse 0.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Leicester 12, Nottingham 6; Rosslyn Park 26, Exeter University 9.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bedford 28, Stowe 4; Brighton 54, Sutton Valence 3; Eastbourne 7, Christ's Hospital 13.

MOTOR RALLYING

End of road looming for Monte Carlo

Monaco, (AFP) – The Monaco government has abandoned its attempts to save the Monaco Grand Prix and the Monte Carlo Rally. Jean-Marie Balestre, president of the International Auto-Sport Federation, (FISA) is scheduled to hold a press conference today and is likely to announce that the rally is cancelled.

A Monaco government statement yesterday said that attempts to mediate between FISA and the Monaco Automobile Club had made no progress after three meetings.

Raoul Biancheri, the Finance Minster made contact with Balestre but was unable to shift the FISA president's views very far and concluded that they were "not really justifiable", the statement added.

Balestre said last week that next January's Monte Carlo Rally would have to be cancelled unless agreement was reached by today, though he believed the dispute could be solved.

If the historic rally is scrapped the Rally of Sweden will replace it in the world championship calandar.

The rally is threatened because of a demand by the French Auto-Sport Federation, backed by FISA, for a million francs compensation for allowing it to pass over French roads.

The Monaco Grand Prix was struck off the Formula One calandar after FISA objected to a television agreement between the organisers and American network, ABC. Balestre later made moves to bar the Monaco Club from membership of FISA.

GOLF

Aoki to take part in S Africa



Aoki's salute after holing a crucial putt.

Tokyo (Reuter) – Isao Aoki, Japan's leading professional golfer, will defy government advice and take part in a million dollar tournament in South Africa next month, a spokesman for Aoki said yesterday. A Foreign Ministry official expressed regret over Aoki's participation which he said would run counter to a United Nations resolution and Japan's policy of restricting sports exchanges with South Africa because of that country's apartheid policy.

Aoki had declined to take part in similar tournaments in the past two years on the government's advice "but this time he wants to play with the world's top players at the tournament – at least once," the spokesman said. The ministry official said the government could not force him to stay away from the tournament, to be held at Sun City in South Africa's Bophuthatswana homeland from December 6 to 9.

IN BRIEF

Dodge out of game at Wasps

Paul Dodge, Leicester's England centre, is out of his club's game at Wasps on Saturday after suffering a hamstring strain during Tuesday's 12-6 home victory over Nottingham.

Another three of Leicester's England internationals are also doubtful for the visit to Wasps including full back Dusty Hare, who kicked all his sides points against Nottingham. Hare has a badly bruised thigh while stand-off Les Cusworth and scrum half Nick Youngs have foot injuries.

SKATING: Betty Callaway, who coached Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean throughout their most successful years will commentate for ITV on a full-time basis over the coming season.

FOOTBALL: Paul Ward, the Middlesbrough defender, has been suspended for three matches.

OLYMPIC GAMES: The Canadian Government will renew an agreement with Moscow on Thursday to ensure athletes from the Soviet Union and eastern European countries do not boycott the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, the Sports Minister, Otto Jelinek, said on Monday. The Agreement, the third consecutive one of its kind that Canada has signed with the Soviet Union since 1974, ensures that athletes will participate in all competitions between the two countries for specific sports, including figure skating, ice hockey and wrestling.

TENNIS: After a successful pilot scheme launched in Sussex earlier this year, the Lawn Tennis Association have announced that they are extending their junior rating scheme to a further 10 counties in 1985. The scheme will now also operate in Avon, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Dorset, Essex, Hampshire, Kent, Lancashire and Surrey.

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RUGBY UNION: CONTROVERSY OVER LATE PENALTY GOAL THAT BEATS AUSTRALIANS

Ulster secure historic triumph

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Ulster	15
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On the old international ground at Ravenhill-Ulster recorded their first victory over a major touring side, beating the Australians by four penalty goals and a dropped goal to a goal, a try and a penalty, this inflicting the second defeat of this tour on the visitors.

The historic triumph came on a rain-swept grey Irish day and, like several of the touring side's recent games, it was clouded by a refereeing controversy. The winning penalty, kicked by Rainey, the Ulster full back, was awarded after Campese was judged by Ray Megson, the Scottish referee, to have deliberately passed the ball *into touch*.

It was a harsh decision. The ball, greasy and wet, had been difficult to handle all afternoon and Campese, the replacement full back, was on the ground at full stretch scrabbling after Brady's grubber kick. With Crossan bearing down on his like a runaway train, Campese was forced to nudge the ball into touch, but I doubtif it was deliberate. Rainey, a metre in from touch and 40 from the posts, placed the goal to a howl *of triumph*.

There were only seven minutes left and, against an Ulsterpack working like Trojans, there was no opportunity for the Australians to dig themselves out of the pit they had, to some extent, created for themselves. In the first half, when Ulster conceded 10 penalties Lynagh could kick only one from four attempts. After the interval the penalty count turned against the Australians; they were constantly pulled up for playing the ball on the ground and seldom exerted any kind of authority either in the loose play or in midfield behind the scrum.

In neutral eyes there may be a slightly hollow ring to the victory when Grigg's two sparkling tries are borne in mind. But the Ulster pack will see nothing hollow in a win distinguished by a ferocious forward effort throughout. Although massively outweighed in the scrums, they managed to steal two strikes against the head and ran the much taller Australian lineout jumpers very close, thanks mainly to McCall

Ulster led 6-3 at half-time. Brown kicked a penalty and Rainey, after a dropped kick by Ringland had rebounded from the posts, dropped a 40-metre goal of his own. Lynagh kicked his single penalty success but less than a minute into the second half the Australians took the lead.

Black was launched from full back, kept his balance in three attempted tackles and despatched Grigg to the corner. Ten minutes later Black was off the field with a damaged left knee, only for Campese, his replacement, to step outside the cover and send in Grigg at the same corner, Lynagh converting from near touch.

It seemed a reasonable launching pad for another Australian win before they contributed significantly to their own downfall. Brown, the balding 33-year-old stand off half, known locally as "Bruno", kicked a penalty after a scrummage offence, and then Cox was sufficiently ill advised to prevent Crossan from taking a quick throw in and Brown added another penalty.

Opion before the match was that Ulster were a better side than the Irish team of last Saturday. In achieving the victory that Ireland did not, they joined Cardiff as victors over the Eighth Australians and helped to bring much joy to a beleagured province whose sporting heroes these hard days bring a ray of light during a stormy winter.

SCORERS: Ulster: Penalties: Brown (3), Rainey, Dropped goal: Rainey. Australians: Tries: Grigg (2). Conversion: Lynagh, Penalty: Lynagh.
ULSTER: p Rainey, (Lansdowne); T Ringland (Ballymena), D Irwin (Instonians, capt), I Moles (Ards), K Crossan (Instonians); I Brown (Malone) R Brady (Queens University, Belfast); P Kennedy (London Irish), J McDonald (Malone) J McCoy (Dungannon) W Duncan (Malone), B McCall (London Irish), W Anderson (Dungannon), N Carr (Ards), P Matthews (Ards).
AUSTRALIANS: J Black: (rep D Campese); M Burke, T Lane M Lynagh, P Grigg; M Hawker (captain), P Cox; S Pilecki, T Lawton, A McIntyre, W Calcraft, N Holt, W Campbell, D Codey, R Reynolds.
REFEREE: R Megson (Scotland).



Hands up: Australia's Calcraft stretches highest to gain lineout possession against Ulster

CRICKET: PROGRESS SMOOTH IN INDIA BUT DIVISIONS IN KENT

Kent hoping for change of mind by Tavaré

By Ivo Tennant

Kent are still hoping that Chris Tavaré, who on Tuesday announced his intention to leave the club, will be playing for them next year under the captaincy of Chris Cowdrey. Tavaré's decision will be considered at Kent's next executive committee meeting next Wednesday.

Tavaré, who is likely to be offered the captaincy of more than one county, is, of course, under contract to Kent, for the next two years. He has been made a fresh offer by them which would tie him until 1988, by when he would almost certainly have been granted a benefit. Although Kent's committee would not wish to retain an unhappy player, they can and may hold him to his existing contract. The TCCB and county clubs are opposed to the escalating number of transfers in the close season, which bring nearer the dreaded day when cricketers are bought and sold, as in football.

By all accounts, Tavaré was stunned to be relieved of the Kent captaincy in September, after just two seasons in charge. He had, after all, taken the county to two NatWest finals and made progress in the County Championship. He stood no nonsense with his players, was unselfish and consequently respected. Becoming captain of England was more than a pipedream.

Yet for all that he has won nothing, and his own form last season suffered. In 1976 Denness secured two trophies for Kent and was dismissed. Later, Ealham, who also achieved tangible rewards, was removed. In fact all four Kent captains since Colin Cowdrey's time have lost the job, although Asif Iqbal regained it. All but Tavaré won one competition or another. He knew failure in Kent is not tolerated for long.

The decision to dismiss him was, it has transpired, unanimous. When he was appointed, two years ago, it was by the narrowist of margins over Cowdrey, who, too, thought long and hard over his future. Cowdrey, before he left for India, was reckoning on Tavaré staying with Kent. As he contemplates next summer from the sub-continent, he knows that he may also be without Knott, who has yet to finalise his plans. It will not be rosy for a while in the Garden of England.

● Paul Terry, the Hampshire player who broke his left arm on July 28 while batting for England in the fourth Test match against West Indies at Old Trafford, had the plaster removed in Southampton yesterday.

"The injury has taken much longer to heal than expected but I'll soon be back practising in the nets," he said. "Movement in the arm is still slightly restricted but I'll be fully fit for the start of next season."

England reassured as Gower and Robinson take control

From Richard Streeton
Jaipur

Fluent batting by David Gower and Tim Robinson helped England make a positive reply on the second day of their match with the Indian Board President's XI here yesterday. By the close England had made 275 for four wickets, 77 runs ahead on the first innings.

A clear-cut result seems improbable when the match ends today, but the form of both Gower and Robinson was reassuring as England continued to prepare for the first Test match on November 28.

Gower played some typically elegant strokes, inflicting particularly severe punishment on Ashok Patel, an off spinner who has been spoken of as a candidate for the Indian Test team.

Robinson timed the ball smoothly on both sides of the wicket and emerged with credit from his first innings in Indian conditions. The heat and swirling dust from an athletics track which surrounds the field could not have been in greater contrast to Trent Bridge, but the Nottinghamshire batsman was always composed.

The President's XI batted another 13 balls in the morning to allow Malhotra, 94 overnight, to complete his hundred. This he did with two boundaries off Allott, to midwicket and past extra cover. A more enduring niche, probably, was claimed by Cowans, who bowled another wide in his only over, making five runs conceded by him in this fashion during the innings. These were the first conceded by an Englishman under the new ICC experimental law which debits wides and no-balls to bowler's analysis.

Fowler, living dangerously outside the off stump as usual, and Robinson gave England an untroubled start, 50 coming up in 13 overs. Fowler eventuly chased a wide ball in the second over bowled by Bhatt and was caught behind.

Robinson: composed

Bhattshort and with a hint of tubbiness, has played a couple of Tests in the last 18 months without establishing himself. He could not decide whether to bowl round or over the wicket and looked a shade fortunate to take the first two wickets.

Gatting played some confident strokes as he and Robins added 86, the only alarm coming when Gatting, backing up to far, was sent back and almost run out. England were 142 for two when Gatting, aiming to cut, was caught low at first slip. The batsman waited for the fieldsman to appeal and walked immediately the verdict went against him.

Gower arrived as Ashok Patel threatened to settle into a controlled spell. Aged 27, this long-legged bowler has matured late by Indian standards. His bowling has a nice loop and he delivers the ball with a pronounced turn of the wrist. He extracted a fair amount of turn. All this was interspersed with a well disguised quicker ball.

Gower made a careful study of him for three overs before he went on the offensive with four fours and a straight six in two overs. Robinson was rather overshadowed by Gower but weighed in with on drives for four and six against him from successive balls.

England made 140 from 31 overs in the afternoon session. Soon afterwards, though, Robinson mistimed a drive against Mudkavi, another off spinner, who took the return catch high and to his left. Robinson's innings included a six, a five and nine fours in a stay of 37 overs.

No sooner had Cowdrey come in than, irony of ironies, the English ball being used went out of shape. There has not been a chance on the tour yet to accumulate any "used" balls and 13 minutes elapsed while a ball was suitably roughened.

It can hardly have helped Cowdrey's concentration as he tackled his first innings on tour but he looked sound enough until he was bowled trying to drive. Ellison hit Bhatt for a straight six in an otherwise quiet final 45 minutes.

President's XI: First innings

A. Gaekwad c Gower b Ellison	28
P. Shastri c Gatting b Cowans	8
M. Azharuddin b Cowans	2
A. Malhotra not out	102
G. Singh b Edmonds	41
S. Mudkavi c Cowdrey b Edmonds	15
Kiran More not out	4
Extras (w-5)	5
Total (5 wkts dec)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-28, 3-44, 4-127, 5-165.
R. Kulkarni, R. Singh, A. Patel, R. Bhatt, G. Singh and A. Mitra did not bat.
BOWLING: Cowans, 12-4-29-2; Allot, 12.3-4-38-0; Ellison, 14-3-42-1; Edmonds, 30-8-48-2; Marks, 15-3-41-0; Gatting, 1-0-5-0.

England: First innings

G. Fowler c More b Bhatt	28
R. T. Robinson c and b Mudkavi	81
M. W. Gatting c Mudkavi b Bhatt	38
D. I. Gower not out	78
C. S. Cowdrey b Kulkarni	8
R. M Ellison not out	19
Extras (w-4, b-1, lb-14, nb-6)	25
Total (4 wkts)	275

V. J. Marks, P. J. Allott, P. H. Edmonds, B. N. French and N. G. Cowans to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-142, 3-221, 4-244.
BOWLING: Kulkarni, 16-2-50-1; Randhir Singh, 14-2-52-0; Bhatt, 26-4-73-2; Patel, 14-1-67-0; Mudkavi, 8-0-18-1
(No balls and wides debited to bowlers' analyses).

Lloyd still wary

Sydney (Reuter)–The West Indians, jubilant after their easy defeat of Australia in the first Test, arrived in Sydney yesterday with their captain, Clive Lloyd, declaring: We haven't had enough match practice, we're still patchy.

"Winning the Test was good for the team, but we can't afford to be complacent," said Lloyd, whose side plays a four-day match against New South Wales starting tomorrow. The state side includes the Pakistan allrounder Imran Khan.

The West Indies faltered after being sent in to bat in the first Test in Perth, with Terry Alderman taking six wickets. But Australia let them off the hook dropping chances and allowing the visitors to assemble a match-winning score of 416.

The visitors' bowlers bundled out the Australians for 76 – their lowest score against the West Indies – with ruthless speed and lift, off good length deliveries.

The interest in Sydney tomorrow will be on the Test batting hopefuls John Dyson, Steve Smith, Peter Clifford, Dirk Wellham and Greg Matthews, and the bowlers Murray Bennet, Bob Holland and the inexperienced Davė Gilbert.

The Australian selectors meet on Sunday to choose the side for the second Test. They will be looking, at least for a replacement for Kepler Wessels, unless they opt to pick him in the middle order, and the out-of-touch, Graham Yallop.

Sarfraz retires

Lahore, Reuter – Sarfraz Nawaz, the Pakistan fast bowler announced his retirement from Test cricket yesterday, effective immediately, and said he would pursue a career in politics.

Sarfraz, who was included in Pakistan's squad for the first Test against New Zealand starting on Friday, will contest a provincial assembly seat in his home town, Lahore, in the national elections.

The 36-year-old Sarfraz represented Pakistan in 55 Tests, making his debut against England in 1969. He took 177 wickets, a total beaten by Imran Khan. Sarfraz, who played his last Test against England seven months ago, will continue to play first-class cricket.

TENNIS

Jarryd has a simple exercise

Antwerp (AP) – Anders Jarryd, of Sweden, moved into the quarter-finals of the $800,000 (£635,000) European Champions' Championship yesterday ousting Michael Westphal of West Germany, 6-2, 6-2. The 23-year-old Jarryd, the number four seed, dominated his younger opponent throughout and will now play either his fellow-countryman Henryk Sundstrom or Libor Pimen, of Czechoslovakia. Jarryd is the first player to reach the quarter-finals which will be played tomorrow.

Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, who won the Benson and Hedges Masters title in London last Sunday, will play his first match of the tournament against Guillermo Vilas of Argentina today and Mats Wilander, of Sweden, the number two seed, will meet Gene Mayer, of the United States, who lost to John McEnroe in the 1983 European Champions' Championship. McEnroe cannot defend his title after being suspended for 21 days for misbehaviour in the semi-finals of the Scandinavian open against Jarryd on November 4.

Miss Gracie moves one step closer

By Lewine Mair

So often just a step away from making British squads and teams, Lorrayne Gracie, aged 20, yesterday got exactly the kind of result she needed when she defeated Cornelia Lechner, of West Germany, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 to reach the semi-finals of LTA event at Telford.

Miss Gracie, whose parents run the Matchpoint tennis centre at Bramhall, missed several chances at the start of the second set but, when it came to the third, she gritted her teeth and clung fast to her early lead.

At a period when Miss Lechner was mistiming a number of forehands, the Lancashire girl hit an unanswerable first service to go to 4-1. The West German, who was 18 on Tuesday, got back to 2-4 but, crucialy, the British player had the better of a tricky seventh game.

That game put a firm end to any *thought the powerful Miss Lechner* may have had of making a comeback. Minutes later she faded from the picture with two double faults in a row.

In Patricia Hy, Miss Gracie now meets a player who is as tidy and graceful about the court as she is herself. In truth, one could not but feel sorry for Miss Hy's quarter-final victim, Virginie Paquet, of France. There were moments when Miss Paquet, who stands just under 6ft, looked enviably big and strong; others when she seemed almost embarrassingly clumsy in contrast to her petite opponent. Miss Paquet got back from 3-5 to 4-5 in the final set when she was the beneficiary of two net cords but, far from taking advantage of her good fortune, she lost the next game to love.

Perhaps the most fascinating match of the day, was the 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 win by Holly Danforth, a 15-year-old American, over Maria Tinterova, 23 years her senior.

Miss Danforth now meets Marianne van der Torre, who caught Isabelle Cueto of West Germany on a rare off day.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: (GB unless stated): L Gracie bt C Lechner (WG) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; P Hy bt v Paquet (Fr) 6-0, 3-6, 6-4; M van der Torre (Neth) bt I Cueto (WG) 6-0, 6-4; H Danforth (US) bt M Pinterova (Cz) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

HOCKEY

Robinson ends the stalemate

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge University	1
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Martin Robinson, an Oxford Blue, scored the only goal of the day for Cambridge University in their annual match against the Hockey Association XI on the artificial turf at Coldham's Common, Cambridge, yesterday. He converted a penalty stroke early in the second half.

The Hockey Association side squandered 13 short corners, nine in the first half. But there was a lot of promising material among these young players, many of whom will be looking for places in the junior World Cup tournament next August at Vancouver. Among those who shone yesterday were Beechener, in attack, Camilleri and Gladman, in the middle, and John Roberts, in defence.

Cambridge won the match from their second short corner in the twelfth minute of the second half, which led to a penalty stroke. The hit by Bannock was saved and in the scramble the goalkeeper was penalized for obstruction. Robinson made no mistake, with his conversions.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: S Offen (St Edward's Oxford and Selwyn); R Bannock (Gresham and Magdalene) P Sudell (Dulwich and St John's), *T Ashby (Burham GS and Selwyn, captain) *R Miles (Kingston GS and Trinity), M Robinson (Framlingham and St Catharine's), P T Cootes (Portsmouth GS and Magdalene), G Pischer (St Albans and St Catharine's), S Ghauri (Kingston GS and St Catharine's), *R Rush (Telford and Caius), A Shafiq (Caterham and Downing).
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: D Rogers (Richmond); M Masters (Taunton Vale), T Wilson (London University), J Roberts (Stroud), M Riley (Finchfield), C Gladman (Old Loughtonians), D Camilleri (Wanstead), M Donnelly (Tulse Hill), D Beechener (Wakefield, sub, J Guerney, Bromley), G Barnet (Bromley, sub, J Thomas, Firebrands), C Roberts (Coventry and North Warwickshire).
Umpires: J Anderson (Midlands) and J Hallacre (Hertfordshire).
* A Blue.

BADMINTON

Welcome returns

By Richard Eaton

England welcomes back its leading player in both men's singles and men's doubles for the second of the six-match series against China at Altrincham tonight, following the 8-2 defeat at Leeds on Tuesday.

Nick Yates' recovery from illness gives him the chance to extend his remarkable record against the world's leading nation, which includes wins over the former World Games winner, Chen Changjie, and the former All-England champion, Luan Jin, which twice took him to All-England quarter finals.

Martin Dew, free from work commitments, plays with his fellow All-England title winner, Gillian Gilks, in the mixed doubles, and also reforms the men's doubles partnership with Steve Baddeley that beat the All-England champions, Kartono and Heryanto, of Indonesia, in the Thomas Cup. Thus, England have some hope of escaping defeat in the best-of-10 encounters against the formidable Chinese. They can also look forward to the return of Nora Perry, the world mixed doubles champion, for the third match at Coventry tomorrow.

RESULTS (England names first): Men's singles: S Baddeley lost to Zhao Jianhua, 15-8, 7-15, 5-15; D Hall lost to Zhang Qiang, 11-15, 9-15; S Butler bt Yang Qiangh, 15-9, 15-3. Women's singles: G Gowers lost to Chen Minhua, 2-11, 9-12; H Troke lost to Shi Wen, 7-11, 9-12. Men's doubles: A Goode and N Tier lost to Zhao Jianhua and Li Mao, 18-17, 12-15; D Tailor and S Baddeley lost to Zhou Jindan and Zhang Qiang, 9-15, 5-15. Women's doubles: G Clark and Miss Gowers lost to Zhi Wen and Ruan Ziaoqing, 15-11, 4-15, 12-15; G Gilks and Miss Troke lost to Lao Yujin and Chen Minhua, 15-7, 10-15, 13-15. Match result: England 2, China 8. Mixed, doubles. D Tailor and Mrs Gilks bt Wang Yueping and Lao Yuji, 18-3, 15-10.

BOXING

Debut of new Biggs

New York (Reuter)–Tyrell Biggs, whose unerring counterpunches earned him the Olympic super-heavyweight gold medal but supporters few, has changed his style in preparation for his professional debut here today. The winner of 108 of 114 amateur bouts, Biggs left the ring to boos more often than cheers from fans who generally regarded him as a boring boxer.

"I didn't get any respect and I don't know the reason for it," he said during a break from training for a contest with a fellow American, Mike Evans.

Much has changed, however, since his Los Angelas victory and his new aggressive style should surprise the crowd who go to Madison Square Garden to see him

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FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Washington Bullets 103, New York Knicks 92; Milwaukee Bucks 110, Atlanta Hawks 99; Houston Rockets 106, Cleveland Cavaliers 98; Chicago Bulls 120, San Antonio Spurs 117; Denver Nuggets 122, Phoenix Suns 110; Dallas Mavericks 101, Portland Trail Blazers 94; Seattle Supersonics 108, Golden State Warriors 102; New Jersey Nets 99, Los Angeles Clippers 90.

ICE HOCKEY
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Washington Capitols 3, Minnesota North Stars 3; Los Angeles Kings 5, Quebec Nordiques 4; Calgary Flames 5, Detroit Red Wings 4.

FOOTBALL
FRENCH LEAGUE: Strabourg 2, Bordeaux 2; Toulouse 1, Nantes 3; Sochaux 2, Auxerre 1; Lens 0, Metz 0; Monaco 0, Brest 0; Nancy 0, Toulon 2; Racing-Paris 0, Bastia 0; Laval 0, Paris Saint Germain 0; Marseilles 2, Lille 0; Rouen 0, Tours 0.

RUGBY UION
GLASGOW: Scottish University Championship: Glasgow 4, Dundee 20; Edinburgh (Freshers XV) 58, Strathclyde 3; Heriot Watt 13, Aberdeen 3; St Andrew's 22, Stirling 9.

CYCLING
MUNICH, Six-day race: Final placings: 1, G Frank and H H Oersted (Den) 379pts. One lap behind: 2, U Freuler (Switz) and R Pijnen (Neth) 431, 3, D Thurau (WG) and D Clark (Aus) 412; 4, G Wiggins (Aus) and A Doyle (GB) 184.

TENNIS
MELBOURNE: Davis Cup Foundation Satellite tournament: First round: D Houston (US) bt S Shaw (GB) 7-6, 4-6, 7-6.

BRISBANE: Women's Grasscourt Championships: Second-round: W Turnbull (Aust) bt A Minter (Aust) 7-5, 6-3; B Bunge (WG) bt M Schropp (WG) 6-2, 6-2; K Rinaldi (US) bt L McNeil (US) 6-3, 7-5; B Potter (US) bt K Steinmetz (US) 6-4, 6-3; P Shriver (US) bt B Nagelsen (US) 6-1, 6-4; H Sukova (Cz) bt C Reynolds (US) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; C Vanier (Fr) bt S Graf (WG) 7-5, 7-6; L Smylie (Aus) bt G Fernandez (US) 6-2, 7-5; C Lindqvist (ASwe) bt S Amiach (Fr) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; D Fromholtz Balestrat (Aus) bt Y Vermaak (SA) 0-6, 6-4, 7-5; P Paradis (Fr) bt C Carlsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-2; R Fairbank (SA) bt C Jolissaint (Switz) 1-6, 7-6, 6-1, A White (US) bt W White (US) 4-6, 7-6, 7-6; E Burgin (US) bt B Mould (SA) 6-4, 6-2; A Henricksson (US) bt T Scheur-Larsen (Den) 7-5, 6-3; E Pfaff (WG) bt A Betzner (WG) 6-3, 6-2.

TREVISO: Grand Prix tournament: S Casal (Sp) bt S Colombo (It) 6-4, 6-2; H-J Schwaier (WG) bt P Cane (It) 6-3, 6-1; R Sanchez (Sp) bt M Schapers (Neth) 6-2, 6-2; J Gunnarson (Swe) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug) 6-3, 6-4; T Wilkison (US) bt P Portes (Fr) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; J Sadri (US) bt A Mayer (US) 6-3, 6-4; G Ocleppo (It) bt J Becka (WG) 6-2, 7-5.

CAPE TOWN: Four-team men's tournament: singles: E Edwards (SA) bt J-L Clerc (Arg, international) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; E Teltscher (US) bt C Lewis (NZ-Aust) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; J Arias (US) bt J Fitzgerald (NZ–Aus) 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; D Visser (SA) bt J Kriek (US) 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; Doubles: D Visser and C van Rensburg (SA) bt J Kriek (US) and C Motta (Br) 7-6, 6-4; J Fitzgerald and M Edmondson (NZ–Aus) bt P Annacone and J Arias (US) -7, 6-4, 6-2.

ATP MEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1, J McEnroe (US); 2, I Lendl (Czech); 3, J Connors (US); 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, A Gomez (Ec); 6, A Jarryd (Swe); 7, H Sundstrom (Swe); 8, J Nystrom (Swe); 9, J Kriek (US); 10, J Arias (US).

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: 1, McEnroe 3,393 pts; 2, Connors 2,903; 3, Lendl 2,850; 4, Gomez 2,222; 5, Wilander 1,850; 6, Nystrom 1,254; 7, Sundstrom, 1,218; 8, Jarryd 1,165; 9, T Smid (Czech) 1,156; 10, A Krickstein (US) 981.

WTA WOMEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1, M Navratilova (US); 2, C Lloyd (US); 3, P Shriver (US); 4, H Mandlikova (Czech); 5, K Jordan (US); 6, W Turnbull (Aust); 7, M Maleeva (Bulg); 8, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 9, Z Garrison (US); 10, C Bassett (Can).

ANTWERP: European Champions' Championships: First round: W Fibak (Pol) bt V Amritraj (India) 2-6, 6-3, 6-0; J Aguilera (Sp) bt K de Moynck (Belg) 7-5, 6-4; R Krishnan (India) bt H Gunthardt (Switz), 7-6, 6-1; G Vilas (Arg) bt J Van Langendonck (Bel), 6-1, 2-6, 6-2; J Miguaras (Sp) bt T Hogstedt (Swe) 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; G Mayer (US) bt F Cancellotti (It) 6-4, 6-1; A Jarryd (Swe) bt M Westphal (WG) 6-2, 6-2.

BOXING
ULSTER HALL, BELFAST: Professional show: 6 rds welterweight: D Irving (Belfast) bt J Lynch (Plymouth) rsf rd 2; 6 rds middleweight: R McGran (Belfast) bt N Prickett (Plymouth) rsf 4; 6 rds bantamweight: R Webb (Larne) bt D Lee (Greenock) rsf rd 4; 6 rds lt-heavyweight: P Newman (Bognor) bt M Queally (Newry) pts; 6 rds bantamweight: D McAuley (Larne) bt D George (Swansea) rsf rd 6.

JUDO
VIENNA: Men's World Cup: up to 60kg: 1, Kim Yra Yong (SKor); 2, K Haraguchi (Jpn); 3, P Botev (Bulg), W Mayr (Austria). Up to 65kg: 1, Y Yamamoto (Jpn); 2, J Reiter, (Austria); 3, M Rybicki (Pol), Kyung-Keun Lee (SKor). Up to 71kg: 1, T Nakan (Jpn); 2, M Swain (US); 3, L Onmura (Br), Yean-Joon Lee (SKor). Up to 78kg: 1, Kola Hur Lee (SKor); 2, W Legien (Pol); 3, M Fabjan (Yug), H Hakao (Jpn). Up to 86kg: 1, V Pesniak (USSR); 2, P Seisenbacher, (Austria); 3, F Canu (Fr), Kyung Ho Park (SKor). Up to 95kg: 1, G Neureuther (WG); 2, F Aurelio (Br); 3, D Brandt (EG), J Sosna (Czech). Over 95kg: 1, G Verichev (USSR); 2, A van der Groeben (WG); 3, W Reszko (Pol), L del Colombo (Fr).

SQUASH RACKETS
MUNICH: West German Open: Semi-finals: R Norman (NZ) bt C Dittmar (Aust) 1-9, 9-5, 9-5, 1-9, 9-4; G Brumby (Aust) bt G Williams (Eng) 9-4, 1-9, 3-9, 9-6, 9-0.
CUMBERLAND CUP: Division One: North Middlesex 3, Grafton 2; Oakleigh Park 1, Lambton 4; Wanstead 4, Cumberland 1; Wimbledon 3, Beckenham 2; Woodford Wells 3, Cockfurst 2.

HOCKEY
LONDON LEAGUE: Spencer 2, Oxford University 2.

IN BRIEF

World Cup series in bobsleigh

Munich (Reuter) – The first two-man and four-man bobsleigh World Cup series will start next week in Winterberg, West Germany. Three trophies are on offer, to the best two-man and four-man teams and the driver with most combined points.

Two teams from each nation will be able to participate with 20 points going to the winner, 19 for second place and so on down to one point for the crew in twentieth place. Only the best three results of the season will count for World Cup points.

DATES: November 19-20: Winterberg (two-man); November 23-24: Winterberg (four-man); December 1-2: Sarajevo (two-man); December 29-30: Königsee, West Germany (two-man); January 5-6: St Moritz (four-man); February 9-10: St Moritz (two-man); February 16-17: St Moritz (four-man).

MOTOR RALLYING: Ari Vatanen will attempt to win his third successive world championship when he drives his Peugeot 205 turbo 16 in the RAC rally which starts in Chester on November 25. Vatanen and his co-driver, the Northern Irishman, Terry Harryman, have already won the 1,000 Lakes rally in Finland and the San Remo rally in Italy to take an early lead in the 1985 world championship.

RUGBY UNION: Simon Hunter will become the 40th player to turn out for the Harlequins first team this season when he plays Against Oxford University at stoop memorial ground on Saturday. Hunter will replace John Sargent on the right wing.

● Rosslyn Park prop forward, John Dingston, needed 12 stitches in a head injury suffered in the third minute of Tuesday night's 26-9 victory over Exeter University and will miss Saturday's visit to Moseley. Mike Renny will replace him.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan sign Du Toit

By Keith Macklin

Nick Du Toit, the tall, and powerfully-built centre threequarter, who made two impressive appearances in the Wigan A team, has been signed by the club. The former South African rugby union player, who stands 6ft 2in tall, and weighs 15½ stone, can also play on the wing and at looseforward. Du Toit was spotted by a Wigan scout playing for the Welkom rugby union club in Orange Free State.

Meanwhile, Warrington have signed the Welsh international prop forward, Glyn Shaw, from Wigan.

The Great Britain Under-21 team to play France at Castleford on Sunday week, includes full internationals in Clark Schofield, and Lee Crooks, the Hull front-row forward, who captains the team.

However, Wigan's home game against Hull at Central Park on the same day has been postponed at the request of Hull, who have four players in the Great Britain Under-21 team.

GREAT BRITAIN UNDER-21: S Edwards (Wigan); G Clark (Hull KR), G Schofield (Hull), S Allen (St Helens), A Currier (Widnes); D Craesser (Leeds), M Conway (Leeds); L Crooks (Hull, captain), P Groves (Salford); S Wane (Wigan), P Round (St Helens), R Powell (Leeds); G Divorty (Hull).

SQUASH RACKETS

Clearing up mystery of sponsor

By Colin McQuillan

Persistent rumours that top players have been quietly cancelling foreign arrangements to rejoin the British closed championships at Sheffield early next month will culminate today in the identification of the mysterious sponsor said to be underwriting the main championships in the domestic game.

A package thought to include several national tournaments financed internally by the Squash Rackets Association is due to be unveiled this morning in London.

CPR Sportscene, the promotion company that spectacularly packaged the British open championships, the blue riband of the game, for Davies and Tate Windows, has apparently been instrumental in putting together a similar financial operation to revitalize domestic tournaments.

Neither CPR not the SRA would confirm yesterday details of the sponsorship deal. It seems certain, however, that the British closed championships, for many the highlight of the domestic season, will be essential to the new package.

Richly financed overseas invitation events at venues as exotic as Oman and Muscat attracted home players away from the annual domestic tournament when sponsorship by Just Juice evaporated during the summer.

The grapevine is obviously working better inside the dressing-room than on the outside, for this week is said to have seen a flood of changed plans in favour of Sheffield.

With many younger players gaining regular top competition in the new Premier Squash League, sponsored by American Express, the new benefactors may well be buying the best national championships for years.

Only this week England's No 7, Ashley Noylor, defeated the New Zealand champion, Stuart Davenport, without dropping a game and the No 9, Christy Willstrop, extended Australia's Ricki Hill to five long, hard battles.

RESULTS: American Express Premier Squash League: Manchester Northern 4, Armley (Leeds) 1; Nottingham 2, Cannons (London) 3; Redwood Lodge (Bristol) 2, Dunnings Mill (East Grinstead) 3; Tyrells (Southampton) 4, Squash Leicester 1.

FISHING

Just what the vet ordered

By Conrad Voss Bark

Thanks to a retired Scottish veterinary surgeon, several hundred fly fishermen will next season be able to take rods on exclusive private beats on some of the finest game fishing rivers in the country. Stephen Johnson, of Jedburgh, may have had the glimmerings of the idea when he was a prisoner of war in Germany in Stalag Luft 3, but it was not until he was back on the Borders that the thought came to him, as he said, "just out of my head". Like many good ideas, it is essentially simple.

The owners of private fishing give a day's fishing or more as a donation to a charity or a good cause in which they are interested. A national organizer collates these gifts, lists the details, and puts them up to auction. Fishermen who would never normally have a chance of fishing these prime waters bid for them by post. The organization, the Atlantic Salmon Trust, expects to get something around £10,000 this year which will go towards supporting salmon conservation research.

Fishermen are given a guide to the value of the fishing – £10 a day on some of the lesser rivers up to £40 or £50 a day for some of the best private beats on the Test, Naver and Spey. Their postal bids may be either for a little less or a little more than the quoted value or a great deal more if they want to be certain of getting what they want. If two people make the same bid, the first in is the winner.

Prince Charles, through the Duchy of Cornwall, and the dukes of Wellington and Buccleuch are among the donors and altogether there are more than 100 beats on 32 rivers on offer. Catalogues free from AST Fishing Auction, Alex Prichard, Courtleigh Manor, Lady Margaret Road, Sunningdale, Berkshire, SL5 9QM, before Christmas.

BOXING

Sibson steps jauntily on to the road that leads to world title

By Bryan Stiles

Wembley arena will be sold out for the triple title confrontation between Britain's top middle-weights, Tony Sibson and Mark Kaylor, a week on Tuesday. No bout at Wembley has generated such public interest since Sibson beat Alan Minter at the venue more than three years ago. Even the charismatic heavyweight, Frank Bruno, has failed to sell out the arena in the meantime.

Sibson, from Leicester, will be putting his European championship at stake and Kaylor, of West Ham, is offering his British and Commonwealth titles in what the promoter, Mike Barrett, describes as the costliest meeting between two British boxers. Both boxers are on a percentage of the gate money, but the biggest prize will be victory, which should take one of them to a world bout, probably next year.

Both have suffered scarring defeats recently, Sibson being reduced to a helpless wreck when he tangled with the world champion, Marvin Hagler, and Kaylor being beaten by Hagler's chief sparring partner, Buster Drayton, last May.

Sibson felt he was humiliated by the American and, psychologically, it has been a difficult road back for him. A badly cut eye ended his challenge in January against Don Lee, an unranked American and although he later took the European title from Louis Acaries, of France, he had no appetite for the battle and laboured to what should have been a comfortable win.

But he sauntered into London for a press conference yesterday to announce that his hunger for success, money and glory had returned with a vengeance. He packed off his wife and two children four weeks ago and has been leading a spartan existence since, sharpening his skills and strengthening the elbow which gave out and caused the postponement of the meeting with Kaylor last month.



Sibson: hungry again

"That Hagler business was a bitter defeat to swallow, a great defeat mentally," he said. "I am climbing the ladder back and I have been training twice as hard so that I can achieve what I want – another crack at the world title. Defeat by Kaylor? I don't even begin to consider it."

Kaylor, aged 23, three years younger than Sibson, is also bristling with confidence. "I can't wait to get into the ring against him. It will be the greatest fight of my life, and I don't intend to get beaten. It's make or break for me and 'break' means you are absolutely finished."

Magri is Russell's target

Hugh Russell wants to challenge Charlie Magri for his European flyweight title, and that would be just about the only bout which could steal any limelight from the Belfast idol Barry McGuigan in Northern Ireland at the moment.

Instead of the supercharged atmosphere which greets every appearance by McGuigan, there was only a comparative whimper in a threequarters-full Ulster Hall on Tuesday as Russell set about stopping Danny Flynn, of Edinburgh, in the eighth round to retain his British title at the first attempt.

It emphasized that the current interest in boxing in Belfast is centred solely around McGuigan.

Barney Eastwood, Russell's manager, said: "Hugh is not in boxing now for eight-rounders. He's looking for bigger things and must aim high, so Charlie Magri must be his objective.

"It would be a good pay day for both of them, whether it be in London for Belfast."

Russell, who held the British bantamweight title for a record minimum for 36 days last year, admitted that his recent defeat by the tough Mexican Jose Torres, was still firmly entrenched in his mind, this explaining why his meeting with Flynn was so dull and unimaginative until the champion destroyed the Scot with a salvo of body shots in the eighth.

"I boxed well within myself," Russell said. "The Torres defeat affected me psychologically. I got too involved and I decided that I wouldn't make the same mistake"

GOLF

Profits wait for home four abroad

From Mitchell Platts
Rome

The World Cup, which starts on the Olgiata course here today, has in many respects reflected over the years the balance of power among the golfing nations. It is hardly a surprise to discover that the United States, the champions, have won 16 of the 30 previous World Cups because their teams have included the likes of Hogan, Snead, Palmer, Nicklaus, Trevino and Miller.

Australia, for whom Peter Thomson and Kel Nagle successfully teamed up in 1954 and again in 1959, have won three times, as have Spain, with the assistance of Severiano Ballesteros in 1976 and 1977. South Africa and Canada, who supplied the individual winner in Dave Barr a year ago in Jakarta, have each two victories while Argentina, the inaugural winners in 1953, Ireland (1955), Japan and Taiwan have each won once.

There is little reason to believe that the event this week will differ much from those of previous years, since the United States have Tom Kite and Lanny Wadkins, players of vast experience, as a formidable partnership. Yet there is an undercurrent swirling around the classic course some 12 miles north of Italy's capital which suggests that England (Howard Clark and Mark James), or Ireland (Eamon Darcy and Ronan Rafferty), or Scotland (Sam Torrance and Gordon Brand, jun.) or Wales (Ian Woosnam and Philip Parkin) might profit on this occasion.

Profit is the operative word, since the World Cup, once based entirely on prestige, offers for the first time rewards in keeping with the game's financial trend.

Through sponsors including American Express, Nabisco Brands, TWA and Xerox, the winning two-man team, whose scores are accumulated over 72 holes, will share almost £50,000 compared with £14,000 a year ago. And the individual trophy winner will collect £20,000.

The interesting aspect is that the first commercially orientated World Cup should be taking place in Europe, to where it will return in 1986 when Mijas, Spain, will be the venue. As the effervescent Rafferty points out, the home countries could not have asked for a better opportunity.

Yet while the weather will favour Rafferty and company, unlike the exotic climate of Bogotá, Acapulco and Jakarta in recent years, the course will provide a difficult examination to all concerned.

Olgiata, where the World Cup was staged in 1968, was designed by C K Cotton, one of Britain's leading architects. he made abundant use of the land, creating with twisting, individually shaped holes, a course that is a pearl in this rolling landscape.

● The 33 teams in the World Cup are:
Argentina: V Fernandez, E Romero; Australia: P Foley, M Harwood; Austria: O Gartenmaier, J Lamberg; Bermuda: K Swan, K Smith; Brazil: F German, P Diniz; Canada: D Barr, J Rutledge; Columbia: A Rivadeneira, R Velasquez; Denmark: P Greve, H-H Larsen; England: H Clark, M James; France: M Tapia, G Watine; Greece: B Karatzas, J Sotiropoulos; Iceland: S Petursson, R Olafsson; India: B de Souza, R Singh; Ireland: R Rafferty, E Darcy; Italy: S Locatelli, D Lovato; Jamaica: S Rose, W Scott; Japan: N Takasu, E Deguchi; Malaysia: M Ramayah, S Yusof; Mexico: E Serna, R Cruz; New Zealand: I Smalley, R Coombes; Paraguay: E Franco, A Giminez; Philippines: P Braza Dimaano, M Siodina; Scotland: S Torrance, G Brand jnr; Singapore: Lim Swee Wah, Lim Kian Tiong; South Korea: Sang-Ho Choi, Myung-Ha Lee; Spain: J-M Canizares, J Rivero; Sweden: A Forsbrand, M Persson; Taiwan: Chen Tze-Chung, Hsieh Min-Nan; Thailand: U Thabpavibul, S Srisanga; United States: T Kite, L Wadkins; Venezuela: R Munoz, J Santata; Wales: I Woosnam, P Parkin; West Germany: T Giedeon, K-H Gogele.

GYMNASTICS

Britain pin hopes on club team

By Peter Aykroyd

A club team represent Britain in the group section of the European rhythmic gymnastics championship in Vienna today, part of a new policy which makes national team training the responsibility of the country's leading club.

Six girls from the Northampton rhythmic club became British team champions last December and have since been practising for the 16-nation European competition. They will be the first British group to perform on the international stage for three years.

In group work, rhythmic gymnasts must synchronize movements to music – a task which demands concentrated and frequent training. Previously the British team trained as a national squad and could only meet at weekends. In recent years [illegible]

This led to the decision by the British Amateur Gymnastics Association to field a club team in international competition because of the frequency with which they could train together. While the Northampton girls do not expect to rival the Eastern block countries on this occasion, the national coach, Jenny Bott, believes they now have an excellent chance of becoming number three in western Europe.

In the individual section Britain's gymnasts are Jacqueline Leavy, Lorraine Priest and Julie Ramsden, respectively the country's top three placed. Competing with balls, hoops, ribbons and ropes, they face among others the formidable Bulgarian trio of Diliana Georgieva, the world champion, Anelia Ralenkova, the European champion, and Lilia Ignatova, the joint world runner-up.

The Soviet challenge is strong, too, consisting of Galena Beloglazova and Dalia Kutkaite, joint second and fifth in the world respectively, and Tatiana Drutchinina, a talented newcomer.

BRITISH TEAM: Individual: J Leavy (Coventry); L Priest (Leeds); J Ramsden (Leeds). Group: (all Northampton): M Balshaw; L Billingham; L Black; P Machin; S Taylor; M Watson. Reserve: K Kimberley.



Leavy: top British entrant

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v Huddersfield (6.45)
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Sutton United v Tilbury

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England v China (at Altrincham SC, 7.30)
TENNIS: WLTA tournament (at Telford)
BASKETBALL: Kelloggs Cup: Quarter-final: FSO Cars Warrington v Sperrings Solent Stars (7.45)
HOCKEY: Home countries women's tournament (at Edinburgh).

RACING: THE BREENER GIVES OLIVER SHERWOOD HIS FIRST TRAINING SUCCESS

Winter's day of discontent

By John Karter

There were mutterings as dark as the threatening black clouds scudding across the sky at Newbury yesterday after Hazy Sunset, the odds-on favourite for the Hallowe'en Novices' Chase, had trailed home fourth of the five runners. The reason for the apparently widespread disappointment over the running of the horse, who had been regarded by many as the banker bet of the afternoon, was simple. It was thought that John Francome, Hazy Sunset's rider, had given this potential steeplechasing star a sympathetic introduction to his new role.

Of course, nobody knows better than the champion jockey whether a horse has given its all and whether histrionics in the saddle are pointless and even damaging to a young animal.

Indeed, Francome said afterwards that Hazy Sunset had become tired and in the circumstances he was very pleased with him.

Winter said that he had been unable to get Hazy Sunset fit on the firm ground and that the horse would need another run before he was ready to do himself justice.

In recent weeks the Lambourn trainer has seen two of his stable stars, Brown Chamberlin and Fifty Dollars More, break down because of the unyielding terrain. However, against that he has been turning out a respectable number of winners.

Whatever view you take of yesterday's race, there surely should have been a stewards' inquiry into Hazy Sunset's performance – if only as a public relations exercise. At least the betting public would then have been aware of the reasons why their money ended up in the bookmakers' satchels and was not returned to their pockets with interest.

It was certainly Winter's day of discontent because he also had no luck in either division of the Wood Speen Novices' Hurdle. Both his well-fancied candidates, Brollin and Marsh Lane, finished unplaced, although Brollin lost whatever chance he had when he kicked the second last hurdle into orbit as he moved up to challenge in the first division won by Welsh Warrior. He is one to keep an eye on next time he runs.

However, the great man must have derived a good measure of satisfaction from the result of the second division of the Wood Speen, because the race was dominated by The Breener, who became the first winner for Oliver Sherwood, Winter's son-in-law and former assistant.

Ridden by Simon Sherwood, who last season matched big brother by becoming the champion amateur rider, The Breener scorched away from his rivals on the flat and looks likely to prove his trainer's assertion that he is "a very decent horse" completely correct.

Columbus (left) springs a 25-1 surprise at Newbury yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Head Lad of likely Pitman stable treble

By Mandarin

Burrough Hill Lad, hero of this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup, makes his second appearance of the season in the Silver Buck Chase at Wincanton today as a stepping-stone to the first of his major objectives, the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on November 24.

Jenny Pitman's star chaser is 7-1 second favourite with Corals, a point behind Fulke Walwyn's Everett, for the big Newbury Handicap; but an impressive display today should promote him as the new ante-post leader.

Controversy surrounded Burrough Hill Lad's seasonal reappearance in the Standard Life Handicap Chase at Cheltenham last Friday. After the eight-year-old had faded into third place, beaten two lengths and four lengths by Fortina's Express and Don Sabeur, the stewards interviewed Mrs Pitman and her rider, Phil Tuck, drawing their attention to the Jockey Club instruction about "schooling in public" with particular regard to conditioning.

Mrs Pitman, although accepting that the stewards were doing their job, said that there was no point in giving Burrough Hill Lad a hard race when he was not fully wound up. She was quoted as saying: "If Phil Tuck had thrashed the horse, he might have finished two lengths closer. I have been totally honest and have never done anything to bring jump racing into disrepute."

Nobody is questioning the Upper Lambourn trainer's integrity and, with only two average handicap chasers, Broadheath and Buck Royale, in opposition today, Burrough Hill Lad should not be unduly pressed to get back on the winning trail. But while his odds will be prohibitive, it may pay to follow two of his stable companions further afield.

The promising four-year-old Winter Measure lines up for the Malden Timber Novices' Hurdle qualifier at Uttoxeter and this Pamroy gelding looks set for a speedy double after beating Northorpe 10 lengths at Stratford-upon-Avon last Thursday.

In contention today at the Staffordshire course will be the year-older New Kayber, trained by David Gandolfo, who also made an impressive reappearance in winning a novice hurdle at Bangor by eight lengths. But I expect Winter Measure to gain the upper hand.

Mrs Pitman should also be on the mark at Towcester, where Nader is napped to land the Orlando Novices' Hurdle. The Gunner B colt, despite drifting in the market, ran out a comfortable winner of a juvenile hurdle at Windsor on Saturday and has plenty of scope for improvement. Miss Felham, who has been highly tried since scoring at Market Rasen, looks the one to chase him home.

Back at Wincanton, Les Kennard's Triska, beaten a head by Sailor's Return at Windsor, can go one better in the "Badger Beer" Handicap Chase at the expense of Gambir and, despite the altered weights, Prideaux Boy is taken to confirm his superiority over Cocaine in the Remembrance Poppy Handicap Hurdle. These two had Morning Line well behind when fighting out a fine finish to a two-mile handicap hurdle at the last Wincanton meeting.

Another attractive bet at the Somerset course should be The Foodbroker from the Peter Haynes in-form stable, who will be out to recoup Windsor losses in the Mendip Hills Novices' Chase. The eight-year-old failed to peg back Gardie Grizzell's newcomer, Bright Morning, but stayed on strongly, despite his rider losing his irons at the last.

The two divisions of the Novices' Hurdle may go to Fred Winter's Strike Lucky (1.0) and the David Elsworth-trained Hypnosis (3.45), who led for a long way in Sutton Prince's Kempton race last week

WINCANTON

GOING: Good

1.15 NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £643: 2m) (18 runners)

1 000-032 AIRWAIR (Mrs M Langley-Pope) R Hodges 5-10-10 .... R Linley
2 00- BENMORE (B Arnold) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-10 .... C Brown
3 COOL SUN (L Hamilton) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-10 .... P Tuck
4 0 FELL CLIMB (C Henty) P Bailey 4-10-10 .... J White
5 00-3 BASOOF (T Fry) D Ringer 4-10-10 .... S Shilston
6 32/P GREY CASTLE (R Brazington) R Brazington 8-10-10 .... C Jones
10 0/PP0 LITTLE COMPO (N Francome) J Jenkins 7-10-10 .... –
11 B3/32- PEARLYMAN (Mrs P Shaw) W Jenks 5-10-10 .... P Barton
13 000/0-0 PUNTER'S JOY (J Packer) M McCourt 7-10-10 .... R Kington
14 2P0-008 ROUND AGAIN (Sir H Calley) A Turnell 4-10-10 .... Steve Knight
15 SEA RANGER (C Roach) C Roach 4-10-10 .... B Wright
16 02PP-3 STRIKE LUCKY (C Redgrave) K Bishop 4-10-10 .... P Richards
17 PP WORDEN PRINCE (G Hunt) J Thomas 4-10-10 .... C Evans (7)
18 00P- WORDSWORTH (Nionlale Ltd) D Wilson 4-10-10 .... R Arnott (7)
19 0/0 BOVEY BELLS (P Brackenbury) W R Williams 6-10-5 .... A Geering (4)
20 00- ERICA SUPERBA (I Buchan) P Bailey 4-10-5 .... P Scudamore
21 LIGONITE (P Tory) P Tory 4-10-5 .... Mr E Whettam
22 00-P ROYAL BUSKINS (G Allard) N Mitchell 5-10-5 .... B Powell (4)

1983: Cilerna Jet 4-10-6 Mr E Whettam (10-11 fav) P Tory 10 ran.

7-2 Fell Climb, 4 Airwair, 5 Cool Sun, 6 Stike Lucky, 8 Gasoof, Pearlyman, 10 Benmore, 14 Punters Joy, 16 others.

AIRWAIR (11-1) n 1 ½ 2nd of 14 to Tropical Mist (11-10) at Taunton (2m 1f hdle, good to firm, Oct 24). FELL CLIMB (10-13) no headway from 6th when 7th of 19 potentially very smart Hypnotic (10-13) at Ascot (2m hdle, £2,080, good, Oct 31). GASOOF (10-15) weakened approaching last when 5 ½ 3rd of 15 to Workmate (10-13) at Huntingdon (2m 1f hdle, £826, good to firm, Oct 27). PEARLYMAN last ran in November 1983 when 5l 2nd (10-8) to easy winner Kings Jug (11-5) at Wolverhampton (2m hdle, £690, good, 14 ran). STRIKE LUCKY (10-12) beaten 16l into 3rd by Winter Measure (10-12) at Stratford (2m hdle, £548, soft, Nov 8, 13 ran).
Selection: AIRWAIR.

Wincanton selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Stike Lucky. 1.45 The Foodbroker. 2.15 Triska. 2.45 Prideaux Boy. 3.15 Burrough Hill Lad. 3.45 Hynosis.

By Michael Seely

2.15 Beau Ranger. 2.45 MALYA MAL (nap).

1.45 MENDIP HILL NOVICES' CHASE (£1,659: 2m) (12)

1 4-00400 BLACK EARL (Guinea Grill Stakes Ltd) I Wardle 7-11-5 .... P Murphy
3 -13/F FEROCIOUS KNIGHT (Mrs A Cheshire) J Thorne 5-11-5 .... P Dever (4)
4 /01000- FINNESKO (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 8-11-5 .... Mr T Thomson Jones
5 313300- RIGTON BEAU (Miss C Coyne) G Kindersley 7-11-5 .... C Brown
6 00010F ROCKFIELD BOY (D) (Mrs P Garner) J Jenkins 7-11-5 .... –
7 23F401 ROYAL MANX (D) (W Morgan) B Palling 7-11-5 .... Mr P Morgan
8 0002P4- SCALE THE HEIGHTS (S Rushgrove) P Duggins 5-11-5 .... N Coleman (7)
9 122FF/0 SHADY NOOK (Mrs S Pattemore) S Pattemore 9-11-5 .... Mr R Treloggen
10 00/0P0- SUNDIAL (Major R Dill) D Nicholson 6-11-5 .... P Scudamore
12 00200-2 THE FOODBROKER (BF) (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 8-11-5 .... A Webb
13 /22-P2F WARNER FOR LEISURE (BF) (Terry Warner Sports) D Gandolfo 6-11-5 .... R Earnshaw
14 P00-00P CILERNA JET (P Tory) P Tory 5-11-0 .... Mr E Whettam

1983: Beau Ranger 5-11-5 P Nicholls (6-4 fav) J Thorne 7 ran.

15-8 Warner For Leisure, 9-4 The Foodbroker, 3 Roya Manx, 7 Rigton Beau, 12 Sundial, 14 others.

FEROCIOUS KNIGHT (11-0) 4th when Faller at the 7th in Devon Novice Chase won by Buckbe (10-9) (2m 1f, £589, soft, Nov 2, 16 ran). ROYAL MANX (10-12) 3l Wolverhampton winner from Crowecopper (10-12) (2m ch, £1,182, good to firm, Nov 7, 7 ran). SHADY NOOK (11-4) Never Nearer 5th, beaten 35l, to Easy Steed (11-4) here (2m 5f ch, £1,583, good to firm, Nov 1, 14 ran). THE FOODBROKER (10-12) hampered when 6l 2nd of 14 to Bright Morning (10-12) at Windsor (2m ch, £1,223, good, Nov 10). WARNER FOR LEISURE, clear when ducking out at the 10th time, previously (11-0) 8l 2nd of 15 to Another City (11-0) at Worcester (2m ch, £1,226, good, Oct 27). SUNDIAL (11-0) was back in 8th.
Selection: THE FOODBROKER

2.15 BADGER BEER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,511: 2m 5f) (9)

3 F3211-2 GAMBIR (BF) (D Vestey) D Nicholson 8-11-7 .... P Scudamore
5 41310-2 TRISKA (B)(CD) (A Hunt) L Kennard 8-10-13 .... C Brown
6 0402PP- BISHOP'S BOW (CD) (Mrs A Morley) A Turnell 8-10-12 .... Steve Knight
7 1120-0F OYSTER POND (CD) (K Martin Clarke) M McCourt 7-10-9 .... R Kington
9 F3P1-04 LUCKY REW (CD) (Mrs M Teversham) T Bulgin 9-10-4 .... –
10 63F0-11 BEAU RANGER (C) (White Bros Ltd) J Thorne 6-10-0 (4ex) .... J Hurst (7)
11 4041P-0 CO MEMBER (Mrs J Finding) T Forster 8-10-0 .... R Dunwoody
12 30-21P2 RUN TO ME (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 9-10-0 .... B Powell (4)
14 3013F-0 QUERRIN (B Colohan) T Bulgin 10-10-0 .... J Lovejoy

1983: Half Free 7-10-11 R Linley (9-4) F Winter 8 ran.

7-4 Gambir, 2 Beau Ranger, 9-2 Triska, 7 Co Member, 10 Run To Me, 12 Bishops Bow, 14 others.

FORM: GAMBIR (11-10) 10l 2nd to Brave George (11-5) at Newbury (2m 4f ch, £2,582, good, Oct 26, 8 ran). TRISKA (10-13) head 2nd to Sailor's Return (10-13) at Windsor (3m ch, £1,879, good, Nov 10, 9 ran). BISHOPS ROW (10-1), pulled up behind Toms Little Al (10-9) last time, earlier (11-5) 1 ½l 2nd to Half Free (11-3) at Stratford (2m 5f ch, £3,438, soft, Feb 4, 8 ran). OYSTER POND (11-10) in touch when fell 7th behind River Rhein (11-6) at Chepstow (2m ch, £1,890, good, Nov 3, 12 ran). INTEGRATION (10-0) 10l winner over Musso (10-10) at Ascot (3m ch, £6,014, good, Oct 31, 5 ran). LUCKY REW (11-13) 14 ½l 4th to Acarine (11-12) at Ludlow (2m 4f ch, £1,679, good to firm, Oct 26, 11 ran). BEAU RANGER (10-9) 10l winner over Manston Marauder (10-0) at Devon (2m 1f ch, £1,716, soft, Nov 2, 12 ran). RUN TO ME (10-0) had OYSTER POND (10-8) 21l back in 5th when 30l 2nd to Cybrandian (10-8) at Stratford (2m 6f ch, £3,895, good, Oct 20, 11 ran).
Selection: LUCKY REW.

2.45 REMEMBRANCE POPPY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,743: 2m) (13)

1 12004-1 PRIDEAUX BOY (CD) (C Roach) C Roach 6-12-0 (4ex) .... B Wright
4 3300-00 SEA PENNANT (D) (I R Jones) I Jones 8-11-7 .... C Evans (7)
5 33020-2 COCAINE (CD)(BF) (Mrs S Pattemore) S Pattemore 6-11-5 .... C Brown
7 1P2P-00 JOHN WILLOUGHBY (D) (A Aylett) A Aylett 6-11-3 .... G Jones
9 121- MALYA MAL (D) (Shaikh Ali Abu Khamsin) F Winter 5-10-7 .... R Linley
11 0-22F03 MORNING LINE (D) (T Pursell) L Kennard 7-10-6 .... B Powell (4)
12 103FP-P SOMERSDAY (CD) (M Small) M Francis 5-10-3 .... P Barton
13 10000/0 GLASGOW CENTRAL (D) (W Morgan) B Palling 7-10-2 .... Mr P Morgan
15 000F1-1 CHRYSAOR (D) (P Fahey) S Christian 6-10-0 (4ex) .... W Newton (4)
16 003000- BULLRING (D) (I Wardle) I Wardle 5-10-0 .... –
17 204003- GYPSEY LEA (CD) (Mrs S Wakely) P Wakely 6-10-0 .... P Stone
18 00213/ BATTEN (D) (Bryn Palling Ltd) B Palling 8-10-0 .... C Seward
20 022P0P/ FRENCH POLLY (CD) (D Tucker) D Tucker 8-10-0 .... S Earle (7)

1983: Harescaugh 5-11-4 Mr P MacEwan (7-1) N Gaselee 10 ran.

2 Malya Mal, 7-2 Prideaux Boy, Cocaine, 5 Chrysaor, 10 Morning Line, 12 Sea Pennant, 16 others.

FORM: PRIDEAUX BOY (11-10) beat COCAINE (11-5) ¾l here with MORNING LINE (10-6) 10l away 3rd and SOMERSDAY (10-3) pulled up (2m hdle, £1,616, good to firm, Nov 1, 13 ran). Last year PRIDEAUX BOY (10-13) neck runner up to Admiral's Cup (11-6) at Ascot (2m hdle, £4,948, good to firm, Dec 17 1983, 11 ran). SEA PENNANT (10-7) out of first 9 to Royal Bradadier (10-0), last year (10-1) 4l 3rd to Dalbury (10-5) at Sandown (2m hdle, £9,017, good to firm, Mar 10, 13 ran). MALYA MAL (11-6) beat Jubilee Dove (11-11) an easy 8l at Hereford (2m hdle, £701, good, May 23, 10 ran). CHRYSAOR (10-0) beat Cashed In (10-9) by 1½l at Worcester (2m hdle, £1,715, good, Oct 27, 22 ran).
Selection: PRIDEAUX BOY

3.15 SILVER BUCK LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (£3,040: 3m 1f) (3)

1 11111-3 BURROUGH HILL LAD (CD)(BF) (R Riley) Mrs J Pitman 8-12-0 .... P Tuck
3 FP34-13 BROADHEATH (BF) (M Marsh) D Nicholson 7-10-7 .... P Scudamore
5 22-4142 BUCK ROYALE (D) (Mrs P Tory) T Tory 11-10-7 .... R Dunwoody

1983: Easter Carnival 7-10-2 P Richards (2-1) K Bishop 4 ran.

2-9 Burrough Hill Lad, 5 Broadhead, 10 Buck Royale.

FORM: BURROUGH HILL LAD (12-7) 3rd to Fortina's Express (10-9) at Cheltenham, previously (12-0) beat Brown Chamberlain (12-0) 3l in Gold Cup at Cheltenham (3m 2f ch, £47,375, good, Mar 15, 12 ran). BROADHEATH (10-3) 18l 3rd to Everett (11-10) at Kempton (3m ch, £5,153, good to firm, Oct 20, 7 ran). BUCK ROYALE (10-1) 30l 2nd to Grey Tarquin (10-8) at Plumpton (3m 1f ch, £1,632, good to firm, Oct 17, 11 ran).
Selection: BURROUGH HILL LAD

3.45 NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £647: 2m) (12)

1 2-10 DOMINION GIRL (Danebury Stables) K Cunningham-Brown 4-11-1 .... S Moore
5 0004-P0 FULVIO (B) (Miss W Redman) J Jenkins 4-10-10 .... –
6 00203/3 HYPNOSIS (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 5-10-10 .... C Brown
8 0 LANDSEER (K Browning) D Sasse 4-10-10 .... P Scudamore
13 4200-43 TIN BOY (T Fry) D Ringer 5-10-10 .... S Shilston
14 00U0P0/ TUDENORS PLACE (J Chanin) J Chanin 7-10-10 .... S May
16 P00/ ANCHOR WOOD (J R Payne) J Payne 10-10-5 .... Philip Hobbs
18 GILBERT'S CHOICE (G Burr) J King 5-10-5 .... E Waite
21 20000P- MISS PAVEH (R Hawker) R Hawker 5-10-5 .... M Richards
22 P PYDLE LADY (Mrs J Lovelace) N Mitchell 5-10-5 .... B Powell (4)
23 P0- ROBERTS GIRL (R Hodges) R Hodges 4-10-5 .... S Earle (7)
24 /0-04F3 WALNUT WAY (J Cann) J Cann 5-10-5 .... G Knight

1983: Gypsey Lea 5-10-2 P Stone (66-1) P Wakely 9 ran.

9-4 Hypnosis, 3 Dominion Girl, 4 Tin Boy, 6 Landseer, 8 Fulvio, 10 Walnut Way, 12 others.

FORM: DOMINION GIRL (10-12) 9l 5th to Lonach (10-10) at Wincanton (2m 6f hdle, £647, good to firm, Nov 1, 13 ran). HYPNOSIS (10-10) 12l 3rd to Sutton Prince (10-10) at Kempton (2m 4f hdle, £1,592, good to soft, Nov 8, 14 ran). TIN BOY (10-12) 10½l 3rd to Northorpe (11-6) at Bangor (2m hdle, £848, good, Oct 20, 11 ran). WALNUT WAY (10-10) 9l 3rd to Ragged Robin (11-0) at Newton Abbot (2m hdle, £850, good, Oct 16, 16 ran).
Selection: HYPNOSIS

Newbury results

Going: Good to soft

1.00 WOOD SPEEN NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,448: 2m 100yd)

WELSH WARRIOR ch g by Welsh Pageant – Brave Lass (H Joel) 4-11-0 .... Steve Knight (9-1) 1
Tribal Drum gr g by Warpath – Enchanting (Mrs G McFerran) 5-11-0 .... P Barton (25-1) 2
Gala's Image br g by Gala Performance – Chilta (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) 4-11-0 .... R Linley (2-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Gee-A (6th), 9 Brollin, Lohengrin, Super Grass (5th), 14 Pontin Boy, Sir Blessed, Ten Plus (4th), 20 Rectory Park, 25 Insignia, Loch Ard, 33 Flexible Friend, Little Rock, 50 Guard the Fort, Owen Herbert, Evening Song, Golden Medina. 19 ran. 2l, nk, 4l, 5l, 1½l. A Turnell at Marlborough.
TOTE: Win: £12.50; Places: £2.50, £2.90, £1.50. DF: £207.80. CSF: £207.83.

1.30 CURRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,448: 3m)

KNOCK HILL b g by Daybrook Lad – Super Sprite (P Thompson) 8-11-7 .... G Mernagh (9-4) 1
Coonagh's Fancy b g by El Telde – Barbara's Fancy (G C Bisgrove Ltd) 7-10-2 .... P Richards (4-1) 2
Staunton b g by Party Mink – Easter Lullaby (Mrs M Richardson) 9-11-5 .... S Smith Eccles (2-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 4 Sir Gordon (4th), 66 Duke William (pu). 5 ran. 10l, 8l, 25l. J Webber at Banbury.
TOTE: Win: £2.40. Places: £1.10, £1.80. DF: £7.80. CSF: £9.86.

2.00 HALLOWEEN NOVICES CHASE (£3,028: 2m 160yds)

COLUMBUS b g by Coolmack – Assignation (Mrs V Shaw) 7-11-8 .... A Webber (25-1) 1
Connaught River b g by Connaught – Ebb and Flo (Mrs J Mould) 5-11-5 .... P Scudamore (2-1) 2
Ivacop b g by Maciver – Bobby's Pride (F Starr) 5-11-5 .... C Brown (16-1) 3

Also Ran: (8-13 fav) Hazy Sunset (4th), 12 Abo Ace (5th). 5 ran. 2½l, sh.hd, 2l, dist. R. V. Shaw at Fawkham.
TOTE: Win: £25.60. Places: £3.30, £1.40. DF: £26.80. CSF: £69.63.

2.30 CHEQUERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,773: 3m 120yds)

EVER GREAT b g by Grundy – Forever (D Bowkett) 5-11-7 .... G. Charles-Jones (100-30) 1
Champagne Charlie br g by Charlottown – The Guzzler (H Thomson) 7-11-3 .... A Adams (15-8 fav) 2
Hand Me Down b m by Cheval – Moldora's Ring (E Kirtland) 7-10-0 .... P Croucher (9-1) 3

Also Ran: 9-2 Feels Right (4th), 12 The Vinegar Man (6th), 12 Mr Sprig, 33 Brave Descent (5th), Final Word, 50 Money Mad. 9 ran. 2l, 20l, 10l, 12l, not recorded. D Oughton at Findon.
TOTE: Win: £3.50. Places: £1.40, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £3.80. CSF: £8.72. After a Stewards' inquiry the result stands.

3.00 WINTERBOURNE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,376: 2m 160yd)

MISTY FORT gr m by Menelek – Royal Fort (J Sumner) 6-10-11 .... H Davies (9-4 jt-fav) 1
Midnight Song b g by Deadly Nightshade – Duetta (Mrs D Price) 9-11-7 .... R Dunwoody (13-2) 2
Buck and Wing gr g by Will Somers – Putcha (Capt A Pratt) 9-10-5 .... J Akehurst (7-2) 3

Also Ran: 9-4 jt-fav Jimmy Chips (4th), 7 Stowell Grove (pu). 5 ran. 4l, 12l, 5l. T Forster, at Wantage.
TOTE: Win: £2.50. Places: £1.20, £2.50. DF: £5.00. CSF: £14.01.

3.30 WOOD SPEEN NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £11,406: 2m 100yd)

THE BREENER b g by The Parson – Brodeen Lass (R E A Bott Ltd) 5-11-0 .... Mr S Sherwood (7-1) 1
Quite A Night b c by Midsummer Night II – Quaranta (G Radmore) 4-11-5 .... P Double (12-1) 2
Highland Clipper b g by Pitcairn – Mother Brown (Miss A Whitfield) 5-11-0 .... R Dunwoody (11-2) 3

Also Ran: 5-2 fav Marsh Lane, 6 French Union, 8 Nassau Royale (4th), Oakley House (5th), 9 Pacifist, 14 Fort Lauderdale (pu), 25 Indian Major (6th), 50 Astrosyn, Faster Still, Neoteric, Precipice Moss. 14 ran. 8l, 2½l, ½l 2l, 6l. O Sherwood at Lambourn.

TOTE: Win: £19.10. Places: £3.70, £3.60, £1.70. DF: £120.40. CSF: £83.69.

TOTE DOUBLE: £85.65. TREBLE: £4.50 (paid oon 1st and 2nd legs only). JACKPOT: Not won. PLACEPOT: £223.95.

Kelso

1.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1. MACEDONIAN (Mr T Tate, (5-2 fav); 2, Shackle Pin (Mr P J Dun, (3-1); 3, Taxodium (Mr M Thompson, (12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Surpass (5th), 8 Susanna (4th) 9 Rash Prince, 20 Bright Suggestion, 25 Cheeny's Brig, 33 Right Cloudy, 50 Bouty's Clown, Bowthatch, Conway Grove, Goldsocks, Kummasie, Rogue Harries, Secret Minstrel (6th), Landing Lane. NR: Maracas Bat. 17 ran. 15, 1½, 15, 8, 4. T Tate at Otley. TOTE £4.10; £3.60, £1.60, £1.90. DF £6.10. CSF: £9.56.

1.45 (2m 6f ch) 1, FORGIVE 'N FORGET (R O'Leary, 1-7 fav); 2, Fine Steel (C Grant, (5-1). 2 ran. 3l. J G Fitzgerald at Malton. TOTE: £1.20.

2.15 (3m 4f ch) 1, WHY FORGET (Mr P J Dun, 11-4 fav); 2, Fox-U-More (P A Farrell, 4-1); 3, Midnight Love (C Grant, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Cockle Strand (4th) 11-2 Sam Wrekin (5th). 50 Newstead (pulled up). 6 ran. 8l. 10l. ½l. not taken. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £3.70; £1.80. £1.90. DF: £5.60. CSF: £12.49.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1. BICKERSTAFFE (P Tuck, 3-1 fav); 2, Freeflow (J Hansen, 7-1); 3, Miami Holiday (A Brown, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Gainville Lad (6th), 8 Christmal, 10 Surfing Era, River Linnet (4th), 12 Misty Rocket, 16 Cool Jamie (5th). 25 Tsaar, 33 Bottle and Glass, Magnox, Ebtist, Lady Locket, Little Newington. 15 ran. NR: Tummy Lakes. 2l, 3l, 1½l 1l, 3l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £3.80; £1.70. £1.30. £19.50. DF: £10.30. CSF: £19.81. Sterling Virtue (6-1), withdrawn, deduction 10p in pound.

3.15 (2m ch) 1, TARN (R Earnshaw, (11-4); 2, Brother Geoffrey (D Wilkinson, 85-40); 3, Dawn Diver C Hawkins 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 14 Joyful Star 4th, Another Flame 5th, 16 Gray Thatch (u.r). 33 Wayz Goose, 66 Tamson's Tipple 6th. 8 ran. 12l, 2½, 1½l, dist, 8 T Tate at Otley. Tote: £2.80; £1.00, £2.10, £1.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.71.

3.45 (3m 1f hdle), 1, THREE SHINERS (B Story, 9-4 jt-fav). 2, Chetel (P A Farrell, 9-4 jt-fav) 3, Night Ernest (M Barnes, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Secret Finale, 6 Mossy Cones 4th, 20 Santiago 6th, 33 Technical Mark 5th. 7 ran: 12l, 2½l, 8l, 20l, 1l. G Parker at Lockerbie. TOTE: £3.50; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £3.90. CFS: £7.75. PLACEPOT: £3.90.

TOWCESTER

GOING: Good.

1.0 JOHN BULL BITTER NOVICES' CHASE (£1,418: 2m 5f 110yd) (13 runners).

2 p0/22 ALWINS BOY M McCormack 5-11-3 .... D Browne
3 000-u ANIECE (BF) R Champion 6-11-3 .... G McCourt
4 400/p AVANTIE R Perkins 8-11-3 .... Dai Williams
5 0800- AYLE HERO J Webber 5-11-3 .... A Webber
6 0/230- DOUBLE BASS T Forster 7-11-3 .... H Davies
8 0-000 GEATA AN UISCE O Brennan 6-11-3 .... M Brennan
9 1fp1– GLYDE COURT F Winter 7-11-3 .... J Francome
10 3fo-3 GREENORE PRIDE P O'Connor 7-11-3 .... P Double
13 3214- MACOLIVER C Bell 8-11-3 .... J H Davies
16 ff0-2 RIDE HIGH K Bailey 6-11-3 .... M Perrett
19 3f/op STREAMLINER J Gifford 8-11-3 .... Peter Hobbs
21 0044- THE CORINTHIAN G Hartigan 11-11-3 .... S McNeill
22 24-3 DEEP MOPPET D Gandolfo 6-10-12 .... M Richards

1983: (2m 50yds) Brahms and Liszt 7-11-3 G Newman (7-4 fav) P Butler 5 ran.

9-4 Glyde Court, 7-2 Aniece, 9-2 Macoliver, 7 Greenore Pride, 8 Ride High, Double Bass, 10 Geata An Uisce, 14 others.

1.30 BRITVIC 55 HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,996: 2m) (21).

2 2-110 TAFFY JONES (D) M McCormack 5-11-10 .... J Francome
3 10/30 NOBLE PATROL (CD) C James 10-11-3 .... G McCourt
4 1021- BELGROVE LAD T Forster 8-11-3 .... H Davies
5 0-021 THE DIPLOMAT (CD) D Ringer 6-10-9 (4 ex) .... S McNeill
6 0-004 SWEETCAL (D) P Cundell 7-10-5 .... K Mooney
7 0102- SIR LUCKY B McMahon 5-10-5 .... T Wall
8 200-4 SACRED PATH (D) O Sherwood 4-10-4 .... Mr S Sherwood
12 000-0 NUDGE NUDGE (D) S Mellor 4-10-2 .... M Perrett
13 100-0 POLISH J Spearing 6-10-2 .... S Smith-Eccles
14 u4l-p SNOWY BONDLAIR M Salaman 5-10-2 .... A Griffiths
15 3000- APPALACHIAN (D) C Miller 5-10-2 .... A Webber
16 24p/p HOPEFUL SHOT (D) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-2 .... M Bowlby 7
17 1-020 WATERHEAD D Oughton 4-10-2 .... P Double
18 010- MATIN (D) Mrs C Reavey 4-10-0 .... J McLaughlin
19 0000- SLOANE STREET (D) J Dooler 7-10-0 .... G Newman
20 040-4 APPLANTE (D) R Armytage 9-10-0 .... Mr G Armytage 7
22 104- VILLAGE DRAPER (D) F Winter 5-10-0 .... J Duggan 4
23 2l/0p ORCHID BAY (D) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-0 .... M Bastard
25 3310- PIP (D) B Stevens 4-10-0 .... R Muggeridge 7
28 0/0p- A.T.S. PRINCE K Stone 5-10-0 .... M Hindley 4
30 3t04 PIN TUCK P Taylor 10-10-0 .... A Carroll

1983: Peter Anthony 5-10-1 N Madden (7-4 fav) R Hickman 9 ran.

4 The Diplomat, 6 Applante 11-2 Sacred Path, 13-2 Village Draper, Nudge Nudge, 7 Waterhead, 10 Sweetcal, 12 Taffy Jones, 14 Pip, 16 others.

2.0 GRANTS STANDFAST WHISKY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,213: 2m 50yd) (6).

2 1013 NICKLE MOPPETT (CD) J Webber 7-12-1 .... A Webber
3 f3-40 COMEDIAN D Nicholson 8-11-11 .... S Smith-Eccles
4 3112- ROYAL TO DO T Forster 8-11-9 .... H Davies
8 1213 NETHERBRIDGE (CD) D Gandolfo 6-11-1 .... J Francome
10 3-010 KERRY JACK (CD) S Christian 8-10-5 .... N Fearn 7
12 3-300 POSTDYNE W Mann 9-10-0 .... P Carvill

1983: Navaro 9-10-10 K Mooney (6-1) J George 7 ran.

11-4 Royal To Do, 7-2 Netherbridge, 4 Kerry Jack, 9-2 Nickle Moppett, 11-2 Comedian, 16 Postdyne.

2.30 BENSKINS STRONG ALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES' HURDLE (£634: 2m) (17).

6 0-p COUNTRY SPARK P Pritchard 6-11-0 .... N Fearn
7 00/00 EASY LISTENING K Morgan 5-11-0 .... –
10 0404 HUBLI J Gifford 4-11-0 .... M Palmer
11 000-0 ICE LAD D Nicholson 5-11-0 .... N Humphreys
13 00- KAMIR A Jarvis 4-11-0 .... K Burke
16 3403 MOUNTVILLE R Hoad 5-11-0 .... M Hoad
17 00- PAULATIM N Henderson 4-11-0 .... P Croucher
18 32po POLO BOY (B) G Balding 4-11-0 .... S Gilmore
21 000-0 SANDICLIFF AGAIN D Laing 5-11-0 .... J Ricketts
23 0 THE JOESTAN P Haynes 5-11-0 .... P Corrigan
24 30 TURKANA S Mellor 4-11-0 .... G Charles-Jones
25 p00/p VICTOR HUGO J Long 7-11-0 .... Leesa Long
26 p04p/ CHEVRULLAH D Tucker 5-10-9 .... A Morgan
28 00-p4 PANROCK J Cosgrave 4-10-9 .... –
30 SPARKLER SUPERB P Pritchard 7-10-9 .... V Gibson
31 STOCKTON SLAVE W Morris 5-10-9 .... M Keogh
32 00- YELLOW IRIS F Winter 5-10-9 .... I Duggan

1983: No corresponding race.

3 Kamir, 4 Yellow Iris, 6 Turkana, 7 The Joestan, 10 Polo Boy, 16 others.

Towcester selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Glyde Court. 1.30 Sacred Path. 2.0 Royal To Do. 2.30 Yellow Iris. 3.0 Leading Artist. 3.30 NADER (nap).

3.0 BENSKINS BETTER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,473: 3m 190yd) (6).

3 40-44 MIDDAY GUN (C) J Webber 10-11-7 .... G McCourt
5 01-u4 ROYAL ADMIRAL (CD) T Forster 9-11-6 .... H Davies
8 33-40 LEADING ARTIST (C) N Gaselee 9-10-6 .... D Browne
9 4143 EBONY BILL K Bailey 9-10-6 .... M Perrett
10 0/22-1 UP AND DOWN (CD) J Gifford 9-10-4 (4 ex) .... P Nicholls
11 0-204 BANK LAW F Richards 8-10-0 .... I Raynbold 7

983: Sailors Return 7-11-7 N Madden (8-11 fav) D Nicholson 4 ran.

9-4 Up And Down, 4 Royal Admiral, 9-2 Ebony Bill, 6 Leading Artist, Mid Day Gun, 20 Bank Law.

3.30 ORLANDO NOVICES' HURDLE (3-y-o: £676: 2m) (18).

3 1 NADER Mrs J Pitman 11-1 .... M Bowlby 7
5 AQUARIUS SPIRIT W Musson 10-10 .... C Smith
8 BALLYCRACKERS R Perkins 10-10 .... Dai Williams
10 BUCKMINSTER BOY W Wharton 10-10 .... M Brennan
13 COOPERS KING G Balding 10-10 .... B Reilly
14 p COUNTRY CAP W Kemp 10-10 .... S Shilston
16 HAVE YOU TIME W Wharton 10-10 .... –
18 HUYTON BOY J Taylor 10-10 .... –
22 100 MISS FELHAM (D) M Hinchcliffe 10-10 .... M Richards
24 NOBLE LANCER K Morgan 10-10 .... R McGhin
26 PEARL KING G Hartigan 10-10 .... –
28 QUIET COUNTRY P Makin 10-10 .... M Perrett
30 220 TAVARGOS C Spares 10-10 .... –
37 DOWNTOWN FOXY D Ringer 10-5 .... S McNeil
40 JACKS FOLLY J Harris 10-5 .... G Newman
41 LUCKLIFFE M Ryan 10-5 .... J McLaughlin
43 SECRET VALE K Morgan 10-5 .... –
44 43 SPRINGLE R Hollinshead 10-5 .... D Carcary 7

1983: Invincible Shadow 10-5 R Crank (3-1) B McMahon 14 ran.

2 Nader, 7-2 Miss Felham 9-2 Tavargos, Quiet Country, 6 Aquarius Spirit, 10 Luckliffe, 14 others.

UTTOXETER

GOING: good

1.0 FOUNDATION NOVICES' CHASE (£1,129: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

1 F321 SALLYS CAROUSELLE P Bevan 10-11-2 .... S Morshead
2 00/PP ALIDES M Gibson 10-10-10 .... –
4 2282 CELTIC BELL M Scudamore 6-10-10 .... M Williams
5 030-3 FLYING MISTRESS J Webber 6-10-10 .... G Mernagh
6 4-800 LADYCROSS R Hartop 5-10-10 .... J Barlow
8 40-23 ROSA RULER I Wardle 6-10-10 .... S J O'Neill
9 2/030- SILVA LINDA F Winter 6-10-10 .... B De Haan

1983: no corresponding race.

2 Silva Linda, 7-2 Flying Mistress, 9-2 Rosa Ruler, 5 Sallys Carouselle, Celtic Bell, 10 Ladycross, 25 Alides.

Uttoxeter Selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Rosa Ruler 1.30 Jacinto Times 2.0 Jimmy Miff 2.30 Winter Measure 3.0 Tierenee 3.30 Cross Master
Michael Seely's selection 3.0 Tierenee.

1.30 HARTINGTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£662: 2m 1f) (9)

1 3232 JACINTO TIMES (BF) P Bevan 5-11-11 .... R Hatfield 7
2 1132 GREENACRES JOY B Preece 4-11-6 .... W Knox 7
3 0310 HAND MAID D McCain 4-11-6 .... K Doolan 4
6 12P0 BAHRAIN PEARLS W Perrin 4-11-1 .... S Keightley
7 F000- IRISH CAVALIER W Perrin 4-10-12 .... J Hansen 4
9 2420 MISS TALLI R Hartop 5-10-4 .... J Barlow
10 40-00 KALO ASTRO J Wright 5-10-3 .... J Bryan
11 P0-00 INFINITE STAR (B) J L Harris 4-10-0 .... J A Harris
12 9000 HIGH BARN S Chumley 5-10-0 .... R Crank

1983: Casal Royale 5-10-3 J J O'Neill (3-1 fav) D McCain 15 ran.

15-8 Greenacres Joy, 7-2 Jacinto Times, 5 Bahrain Pearls, High Barn, 10 Miss Talli, Hand Maid, 20 others.

2.0 MARKET DRAYTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,688: 3m 2f) (8)

4 0P-0F PERSONALITY PLUS R B Francis 8-11-7 .... R Crank
5 3-340 COTTAGE RHYTHM (C) Earl Jones 8-11-7 .... J Doyle 4
6 12-03 MOUNT OLIVER (CD) M Scudamore 6-11-4 .... M Williams
7 2233 SUCCEEDED W A Stephenson 7-10-12 .... P J Dun 4
9 3-P42 NATIVE BREAK (C) (BF) Mrs W Sykes 7-10-12 .... S Morshead
10 2219 JIMMY MIFF (CD) I Wardle 12-10-12 (5 ex) .... S J O'Neill
13 P-F44 OATLEY PRIDE (B) P Hiatt 9-10-10 .... C Mann
15 8FF-4 PINE LINE J Wright 7-10-0 .... J Bryan

1983: Priest's Rock 8-11-3 A Webber (4-1) J Webber 7 ran.

7-4 Mount Oliver, 4 Cottage Rhythm, 9-2 Succeeded, 5 Jimmy Miff, 8 Oatley Pride, 10 Native Break, 20 others.

2.30 MALDEN TIMBER NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,573: 2m 1f) (17)

1 P-1 NEW KAYBER D Gandolfo 5-11-5 .... M Harrington
2 1 WINTER MEASURE Mrs J Pitman 4-11-5 .... M Pitman 7
6 BOYLESTONE P Bevan 4-11-0 .... R Hatfield 7
7 0-0 CELTIC FAIR C Trietline 5-11-0 .... R Strange
8 00- CELTIC RAIDER Mrs M Rimell 4-11-0 .... S Morshead
9 0 CHICKEN SHACK B Morgan 5-11-0 .... B De Haan
10 P CHURCH LAD J Young 6-11-0 .... –
11 P/00- COLLAROY J Leigh 6-11-0 .... –
12 0-000 FLITTERVILLE (B) R Peacock 5-11-0 .... –
15 HIGHWOOD B McMahon 4-11-0 .... –
16 P0 JUPITER PRINCE W A Stephenson 5-11-0 .... –
17 0-0 LITTLE RAY T Bill 4-11-0 .... G Williams 7
19 0F- ONE-T-CORBET Ld Shrewsbury 5-11-0 .... P Warner
24 00 WEST TARELGIN T Kersey 5-10-0 .... –
25 BIG TIME Mrs A Ratcliff 4-10-9 .... Mrs A Ratcliff
29 P- LITTLE SARK M Eckley 6-10-9 .... W Morris 4
30 0 RUSTINA J Thomas 6-10-9 .... M Williams

1983: Ladycross 4-10-5 B de Haan (2-1 fav) Mrs J Pitman 5 ran.

4-6 Winter Measure, 4 New Kayber, 6 Chicken Shack, Celtic Raider, 12 Jupiter Prince, 16 others.

3.0 AUDLEM HANDICAP CHASE (£1,472: 2m 4f) 9)

1 F0PP- SMITH'S MAN (CD) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-10 .... G Bradley
3 211-4 SANDWALKER (D) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-10 .... S Morshead
4 200-3 MEGGIES DENE W Barrett 8-11-2 .... S Johnson
5 0-428 CROWNING MOMENT (BF) (B) I Wardle 9-11-1 .... S J P'Neill
7 0300- SHOTANG (D) T Bill 9-10-9 .... R Crank
9 0000- TIGHT SCHEDULE B Kay 14-10-5 .... Debbie Kay 7
10 334-2 TIERENEE W A Stephenson 6-10-4 .... Mr P J Dun 4
14 0-FUF ENERGISE B Shaw 6-10-0 .... M Yeoman 7
15 P/643 TONY OWEN K White 6-10-0 .... M Brisbourne

1983: Lodge's Fortune 8-11-3 Mr A Sharpe (4-1) Mrs S Davenport 8 ran.

6-4 Sandwalker, 4 Tierenee, 11-2 Tony Owen, 6 Meggie Dene, Crowning Moment, 12 Smith's Man, 16 others.

3.30 DOVE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,557: 2m 4f) (17)

2 2-004 CROSS MASTER (CD) T Bill 7-11-11 .... G Williams 7
3 0303- BLAKE (CD) W Clay 7-11-9 .... S J O'Neill
5 203/2 CELTIC CRACKER R Hartop 6-11-3 .... J Barlow
6 1240- AMBERWELL (D) P Bevan 8-10-13 .... R Hatfield 7
7 410/8 SIR PLUS T Kersey 6-10-13 .... –
9 0040- BROCK HILL (D) M Low 8-10-9 .... Mr Low
11 220/0- SILVER LEO J L Harris 6-10-8 .... NON-RUNNER
12 0100- SMALL MONEY Mrs W Sykes 5-10-6 .... S Morshead
20 0P/P8 APRIL'S HERO (D) M B James 10-10-0 .... –
21 030/0 DUESENBERG Mrs J Pitman 7-10-0 .... M Pitman 7
22 P-402 DUSTY FARLOW (D) R Morris 5-10-0 .... W Morris 4
25 0-000 PAPERACER B Preece 5-10-0 .... R Strange
26 420/P- GENERAL WOOD J Townson 6-10-0 .... –
28 1003- INCENSE P Bevan 4-10-0 .... –
31 00-00 GOLDEN CYMBAL (B) I Wardle 9-10-0 .... –
32 000P/ MR PRESIDENT WEAR C Trietline 7-10-0 .... R Strange
33 90-000 ROCHE GIRL S Torr 6-10-0 .... J A Harris

1983: Sauna Time 7-11-7 J J O'Neill (5-4 fav) B McMahon 9 ran.

4 Cross Master, 9-2 Dusty Farlow, 6 Celtic Cracker, 13-2 Blake, 8 Duesenberg, Amberwell, 10 Sir Plus, 14 Incense, 16 others.

Fine start for Tate

Tommy Tate made a great start when his first runner of the new season, Macedonian, scored a 15 lengths success from Shackle pin in the Caverton Amateur Riders' hurdle at rainsoaked Kelso yesterday.

Macedonian, the 5-2 favourite, disqualified two weeks ago when his rider failed to weigh in at Worcester, revelled in the soft ground, cruising ahead three out. Tate said: "Macedonian pulled a shoulder, and was out of action for three months. He is a nice sort of horse and should easily get three miles. I think a lot of him."

Tate went on to complete a double when Tarn, ridden by Robert Earnshaw, won the Newton Don Novices' Chase by 12 lengths from Brother Geoffrey.

Forgive N' Forget duly took the Cherrytrees Chase easily from his sole rival, Fine Steel, by three lengths. The bookmakers William Hill make him a 14-1 shot for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. "I was really pleased with the way he jumped, although he had to fiddle the last fence", Jimmy Fitzgerald said, adding: "Now Forgive N' Forget runs in the Embassy Chase qualifier at Ayr next week. He will go for the Gold Cup, provided everything goes well."

Fitzgerald, who thinks a lot of Forgive N' Forget, bought the seven-year-old to replace his ill-fated Fairy King and Brave Fellow. Ron O'Leary, substituting for the injured Mark Dwyer, made all the running on the winner.

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WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AUTHORITY

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF CONSTABLE

Sir Philip Knight, C.B.E., Q.P.M., will be retiring in March 1985 and the Police Authority are anxious to appoint his successor as soon as possible.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified serving police officers for the post of Chief Constable. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, to the Police Act and regulations and such other conditions of service as may from time to time be adopted by the Authority.

The salary will be £33,678 per annum (subject to review). Accommodation can be provided if required, or a rent allowance will be paid in lieu within the maximum of £3,201 per annum. A Uniform Allowance of £214 will also be paid. Reasonable removal expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with Police Regulations.

Applications, including details of age, present and previous appointments, educational background and police experience, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should be sent in an envelope marked 'Appointment of Chief Constable' to the undersigned so as to be received not later than Friday 30th November 1984. It is expected that interviews of short listed applicants will be held in early January 1985.

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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF CONSTABLE

Applications are invited for the post of Chief Constable of the North Yorkshire Police, which will become vacant on 7th February, 1985, on the retirement of the present holder.

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Application Forms available from H. J. Evans, Esq., Clerk to The North Yorkshire Police Authority, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AD. (Telephone 0609 3123 Ext. 415).

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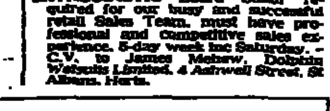
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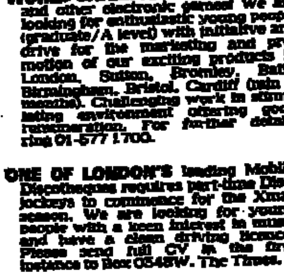
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Good prospects in view?

Edward Fennell writes about the possible pitfalls on the road to promotion

"Early partnership prospects" may be an attractive selling line in a job advertisement but, in practice, how much does it mean?

"Oh, not very much at all", said the code of conduct branch of the Royal Institute of British Architects. "It's the kind of thing that implies a possibility but nothing more. If your face doesn't fit then you'd be expected to leave. I wouldn't put too much trust in it."

The Advertising Standards Authority does not take such an insouciant attitude. "Yes, we do get complaints about advertisements of that kind from time to time we certainly take them seriously. Our general view is that where a partnership is held out as a likelihood then the firm needs to be able to substantiate it. If they can't substantiate it then it amounts to misrepresentation."

For most young professionals a partnership is the obvious career goal. It is certainly something which many people are prepared to switch jobs for even if it involves a cut in income. "It's a question of long term versus short term benefits," said one young solicitor. "I'd be willing to move to another firm and take a lower salary if it meant that I was in line for a partnership in, say, a year's time."

Easy way to attract interest

The problems arise, however, when relationship is withdrawn.

"*I feel I was drawn into this firm* on false pretences," said Sebastian Drove, a solicitor working for a medium sized out-of-town practice. "At my interview it was made quite clear that I was in line for a partnership and that was reiterated in my letter of appointment. However, once I arrived they began trying to wriggle out of it. When I challenged them about why I wasn't being offered one they came up with a host of nebulous reasons – there was nothing specific at all."

For smaller firms keen to recruit ambitious and able people the "prospective partnership" enticement is an easy way to attract interest and generate applicants. It is one of the most obvious ways to bring into the firm young professionals trained in the larger companies who might make their employees wait ten years or more before giving them the chance of becoming a partner.

"Joining a small firm with partnership prospects can be a good short-cut," said a solicitor, "but it's also as dangerous as a minefield."

"You do see partnership-type job advertisements from time to time," said David Waters, a young surveyor, "but I never believe them. I left local government to join a small firm as a way towards a *partnership* but I knew I'd have to wait and see how it went. In fact I was offered 'associate' status as a first step towards becoming a partner and I expect to be a full partner fairly soon. But it is nothing I'd ever take for granted."

Partnerships are always sensitive relationships and it is not surprising that firms are cautious about making firm offers. But the consequence of this is that they should be equally circumspect in holding out the likelihood of a partnership as an inducement to get staff to join them. "Frankly I don't think they were ever serious about the partnership," says Sebastian Drove. "They just needed urgently someone with experience who could take on some fairly important work. I think they'd have said anything to get the right person."

Partnership matters are much easier, of course, in the larger firms where policy is clearer and people know better where they stand. Chartered accountants Arthur Andersen, for example, have about 100 partners in the UK and 1,500 worldwide. Operating on *this kind of* scale requires them to have very clear procedures. "All trainees taken on by us must have partnership potential," Arthur Andersen says. "And from then on the system is clear, open and progressive. We operate on a promotion ladder which enables everyone to see how they rank in relation to their peers."

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Being a partner in a big firm, however, means that the individual won't necessarily be able to make the same impact and contribution as in a smaller organization. In the very long run – say by the time they reach their late 40s or 50s – their influence may be very considerable but initially it might not seem to make much difference.

But the goal of being a partner can sometimes turn out to be less attractive than it appears. Responsibilities as well as status and privilege attend the position of partner. Moreover you lose your employment rights and could be just as easily voted out of your partnership (and out of a job) as you were voted into it.

The best advice therefore is to weigh up very carefully what are the *benefits of the particular partnership* being offered to you. This is particularly important where a "salaried" partnership (as opposed to an "equity") partnership) is concerned. As the Young Solicitors' Group of the Law Society advises: "A salaried partner is in an anomalous position. To outsiders he appears to be a full partner and yet, regrettably, the equity partners sometimes treat salaried partners as little more then employees – the acceptance of a salaried partnership can sometimes delay the arrival of a full partnership."

Beware tax arrangements

Because partnerships are essentially agreements between individuals there is an endless range of possibilities in the arrangements which are made. Obviously the most contentious are the financial ones. Senior partners, you can be sure, will take a much bigger percentage of the profits than junior partners and this division is *unlikely to reflect the volume of work* undertaken. You need to beware also of tax arrangements. Take on a partnership following a profitable period for the firm (in which, of course, you won't have shared) and you might find yourself paying a disproportionate amount of tax.

All-in-all partnerships can be a very complicated matter. So when you join a firm with the prospect of a partnership remember that provisional offers aren't binding obligations.

If you are offered a partnership check in detail the firm's annual accounts and tax positon take professional advice from your own accountant and solicitor about what you are being offered. Also make sure that you will have a happy working relationship with your partners and that the firm's business is in the field which interests you.

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THE FAMINE IN TIGRAY, NORTHERN ETHIOPIA IS NOT OVER



As is now widely recognized, the food so generously donated by the British people cannot reach the immense majority of famine victims in Tigray, who are living and dying in areas outside of Ethiopian government control.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins. Also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; horoscopes at 8.33. Plus medical matters discussed by the Breakfast Time doctor between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.05 Taking Sides. This morning's topic for the radiovision debate (broadcast simultaneously with Radio 4) is Race. In a multi-cultural Britain, which is best in society and education – mixed race communities or separate cultural units? **10.00 Ceefax.**

10.30 Play School, presented by Stuart Bradley and Carol Chell (r). **10.50 Ceefax.**

12.30 News After Noon with Moira Stuart and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes music from an 11-piece band called Henry's Consort and advice from Leslie Kenton on keeping fit for winter. **1.45 Fingerbobs.** A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).

2.00 The Afternoon Show presented by Penny Junor and Pattie Coldwell. Diabetes; men's communications problems; and swimming for babies and pensioners are among today's topics. Plus an interview with Julian Lloyd Webber.

2.40 War at Sea. An investigation into the British Army's evacuation from Dunkirk (r).

3.40 *Cartoon: The Homeless Flea.* 3.48 Regional news (not London.

3.50 Play School, presented by Liz Watts. **4.10 Bananaman.** Cartoon series. **4.15 Jackanory.** Peter Davison reads part four of The Sheep-Pig. **4.30 Godzilla.** Cartoon adventures of a prehistoric sea creature. **4.50 John Craven's Newsround.**

5.00 Blue Peter. Janet Ellis demonstrates how to make your own original Christmas cards (Ceefax). **5.25 Henry's Cat. 5.30 Grange Hill.** Episode 11 of the drama series set in a secondary school (r). (Ceefax). 5.58 Weather.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Jeremy Paxman.

6.30 London Plus.

6.55 Tomorrow's World. The latest developments in the worlds of science and technology.

7.20 Top of the Pops introduced by Mike Read and Bruno Brooks.

8.00 Don't Wait Up. Comedy series about a father and son, both doctors with marriage problems (Ceefax).

8.30 Zoo 2000. The third programme in Jeremy Cherfas's series on the changing face of zoos examines the technical tricks devised for the comfort of the animals (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville.

9.25 Morgan's Boy. Episode six of the drama about a Welsh hill farmer and his nephew who comes to stay (Ceefax).

10.15 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's panel is John Banham, Derek Hatton, Emma Nicholson and the SDP President, Shirley Williams.

11.15 Men . . . and Work. Sociologists Paul Willis and psychologist Paul Brown examines the links between masculinity and work (r).

11.40 News headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guest Bob Geldorf, from 6.45; exercises at 6.48 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video at 7.45; inside Ray Cooney's home at 8.15; film reviews at 8.34; d-i-y advice at 8.47; Sue Owen from the National Childbirth Trust asks "should you allow someone else to bring up your child?" at 9.06.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. **9.30** For Schools: Part two of the drama, The Shadow Cage, by Philippa Pearce. 9.48 Maths: perspectives. 10.06 Night time and nocturnal creatures. 10.23 The genius of Leonardo da Vinci. 10.40 Physics: the electromagnetic spectrum. 11.02 The 1982 Festival of India. 11.19 Keeping warm. 11.38 Import controls: are they compatible with Britain's membership of the EEC?

12.00 Buttercup Buskers. The troupe of little animals have a day at school. **12.10 Mooncat and Co** with guests, Pam Ayres. **12.30 The Sullivans.**

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. **1.20** Thames news from Robin Houston.

1.30 Falcon Crest. Angie Channing offers her share of the wine company to Melissa – in exchange for her baby Joseph.

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical matter. **3.00 Take the High Road.** Drama serial set in the Scottish highland estate of Glendarroch. **3.25** Thames news headlines. **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 Buttercup Buskers, a repeat of the programme shown at noon. **4.15 Rub a Dub Dub.** A musical version of the nursery rhyme, The Lion and the *Unicorn.* **4.20 Stanley Bagshaw.** Adventures of a young boy who lives with his grandmother in a Yorkshire town.

4.30 First Post. Sue Robbie with letters praising or panning children's ITV programmes. **4.45 Murphy's Mob.** Serial about young football fanatics. **5.15 Blockbusters.**

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.20 Thames Sport. Steve Rider discusses the World Cup football results with former Arsenal manager Terry Neill and Jilly Cooper talks about the pains and pleasures of being a "rugby widow".

6.40 Crossroads.

7.00 The Krypton Factor. Another test of brain and brawn for four contestants.

7.30 Coronation Street.

8.00 Never the Twain. Comedy series about two antique dealers.

8.30 Miss World 1984. Fifteen hopefuls from the original entry of 72 have reached the semifinal stage. Setting the scene and talking to the girls at The Royal Albert Hall are Judith Chalmers and Peter Marshall. Musical relief from the endless smiles is provided by The Drifters.

10.00 News at Ten followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 The Master. Martial arts adventure of an American searching for his daughter in the United States while being hounded by the Ninja, a Japanese warrior society, for reasons that escape me. Starring Lee Van Cleef.

11.30 Jobs Limited. Douglas Moffitt introduces a report from Denmark on how they tackle their unemployment problem.

12.00 Portrait of a Legend. James Darren in conversation with Kris Kristofferson.

12.25 Night Thoughts.

Michael Redgrave in Carol Reed's Kipps (Channel 4, 5.00 pm)

CHOICE

● THE GRENDON EXPERIMENT (BBC2, 9.30pm) will surprise you, as it did me, partly because of its revelations about what really goes on in the therapeutic community within Britain's only psychiatric prison but also because murderers, rapists and other violent men unburden themselves to the camera without let or hindrance. You might almost believe it was part of the same unorthodox regimen that allows Grendon inmates to vote to expel anyone who offends against their unwritten laws, justifies "grassing" in the name of "*therapeutic feedback*", encourages officers to be on Christian name terms with prisoners, and so stirs the conscience of some prisoners that they confess to crimes they had hitherto kept secret. Critics of the Grendon approach, seeing it as a soft option for hardened criminals, will find much in Harry Welsbloom's film to reinforce their convictions. More liberal minds, opposed to what they see as the debasing and anti-reformative effects of prison life, will nod approvingly as one inmate says that, unlike other prisons where crimes stand foremost, like a sandwich-board, Grendon puts the person first and the crime second. Certainly, enough evidence is supplied tonight to explain why the new governor at *Grendon has drastically revised his* impression, gained before taking up the job, that this Buckinghamshire institution was a funny farm, filled with con-men, all highly articulate.

● Also recommended: Carol Reed's KIPPS (Channel 4, 5.00pm), which has double the period charm if its musical re-make *Half a Sixpence,* though Tommy Steele got closer to H. G. Wells's original rags-to-riches hero than Michael Redgrave did . . . And COMMERCIAL BREAKS (BBC2, 8.00pm), about the diamond business in the US. The ritualistic exchanges between traders have to be seen to be believed.

● Radio highlight: Radio 4's five-part documentary series THE STATE OF THE NATION (7.40pm) in which the four component nations of the United Kingdom each occupy the stage in turn (England gets an encore, which will surprise nobody). The curtain rises tonight on Northern Ireland. As in Tuesday night's impressive ITV film *Too Long a Sacrifice,* politicians are rigorously excluded and Mr and Mrs Everyman come into their own.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax

9.20 Daytime on Two: German conversation. 9.38 Spanish conversation. 9.55 Playing with shadow shapes. 10.12 Metal joins. 10.34 The dangers of solvent sniffing. 11.05 London in the 18th century. 11.30 Farming through the Ages: hedgerows. 11.55 Lesson eight of the swimming course for beginners.

12.20 Cinema newsreels of the Forties. 12.45 Ceefax. 1.10 *Accident prevention advice* from Jimmy Savile. 1.20 German conversation. 1.38 *Part one of a drama about a* Scottish family during the early part of this century. 2.00 You and Me. *For the very young.* 2.15 Music: tempo. 2.40 How the English language works. Ends at 3.00.

3.10 The Shogun Inheritance. A profile of one of Japan's top tycoons – Konosuke Matsushita (r).

3.50 The Great Egg Race Teams have to strip a motor car each, rebuild it so that it can take three people; be portable; and run without petrol (r).

4.20 Top Sailing. Bob Fisher with the four year story of the re-building of the 'J' class yacht, Velsheda (r).

4.55 Just Another Day. Battersea Dogs Home is the subject of John Pitman's first programme in his series that explores the British way of life (r).

5.25 News summary with subtitles.

5.30 Sheridan Morley Meets . . . the 80-year-old surrealist photographer, Angus McBean.

6.00 Film: Smokey and the Good Time Outlaws (1978) starring Jesse Turner and Dennis Fimple. The story of two young men from the back of beyond who decide to take a trip to Nashville in their search for country and western fame and fortune. Directed by Alex Grasshoff. (First showing on British television).

7.30 Cartoon Two. *The story of* Little Rabbit and Big Rabbit – an award-winning film made in Sweden.

7.35 Open Space: No Minister! The Dyfed Farmers' Action Group explain how the milk quota imposition is devastating the economy of south west Wales.

8.00 Commercial Breaks: The Diamond Game. The secret world of Bill Goldberg, a New York diamond merchant, based on 47th Street. (See Choice).

8.30 Food and Drink. Among this evening's items is the difference between a genuine Neapolitan pizza and its British-made counterpart.

9.00 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King is in San Diego to sample the exotic delights of the Southern Californian city and to interview the Thompson Twins.

9.30 Forty Minutes: The Grendon Experiment (see Choice).

10.10 Karen Kay with guest, singer, John Gary.

10.40 Newsnight.

11.25 Open University: In the Deep End. Ends at 11.55.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The British at War. Leslie Halliwell introduces three more films in the season of British wartime documentaries and propaganda films beginning with **Desert Victory*** (1943) a documentary, directed by Captain Roy Boulting, that covers the period of summer in 1942 when the Eighth Army led by Montgomery advanced from El Alamein to Tripoli. The commentary is spoken by J. L. Hodson. Then: **The Volunteer*** The story of an actor's dresser who distinguishes himself in action. Written and directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger. **Shunter's Black Night Off*** highlights the bravery of a railway shunter during an air raid. Narrated by John Slater and directed by Maxwell Munden.

4.25 Countdown. The reigning champion is challenged by the much travelled, but now resident in the Isle of Wight, Pamela Fairless.

5.00 Film: Kipps* (1941) starring Michael Redgrave as the lowly drapery assistant who inherits money in 1906 and tries to buy his way into small-town high society. Directed by Carol Reed. Cecil Beaton designed the elegant gowns.

7.00 Channel Four News with Trevor McDonald includes a report from Elinor Goodman on the system used at Westminster for introducing private members' bills.

7.50 Comment. With his view on a topical matter is Peter Newsam, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality.

8.00 Scotland's Story. Part 20 of the series tracing the history of Scotland and the Scots looks at the world-wide impact of expatriate Scots.

8.30 Basketball. The first televised match of a new season is a Kelloggs Cup quarterfinal match between Warrington and Solent. The commentators at the Spectrum Arena, Warrington, are Simon Reed and Alton Byrd.

9.30 Film on Four – Take 2: Angel (1982) starring Stephen Rea, Honor Heffernan, Marie Keen and Ray McAnally. Drama, set in Northern Ireland, about a member of a show band who witnesses the murder of the band's manager and a young girl onlooker. His determination to trace the killers leads to his involvement in sectarian violence. Directed by Neil Jordan.

11.10 The Wine Programme, presented by Jancis Robinson: Part one of a repeat of the series that won Miss Robinson the Glenfiddich Award. Lively music and graphics coupled with the knowledge of experts and Jancis Robinson's personality makes for an entertaining and enlightening programme.

11.40 Soap. Burt and Danny receive an envelope full of incriminating evidence of their night in a motel with a lot of ladies.

12.10 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. †denotes stereo on VHF.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.

6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Taking Sides. An audience of 150 air their views about an issue which has faded from the headlines (a simultaneous broadcast with BBC1).

10.00 News; Medicine Now.

10.30 Morning Story: 'Sweet Mystery of Life' by Jenny Hursell. Read by Jenny Howe.

10.45 An Act of Worship†.

11.00 News; Travel; Pomp, Pagentry and Pedigree. The College of Arms (r).

11.28 The Case Against God. An inquiry into the existence and character of God, in eight parts (3) (r).

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs.

12.27 Son of Cliché†. 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition include Jean Snedegar's account of moving day for a family of four. And episode eight of Bad Company.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: A Surfeit of Smiths, by John Graham. With *Dinsdale Landen and Hywel* Bennett. Comedy, set in a hotel where an awful lot of Smiths are booked in. Cast also includes Bessie Love and Frances Jeater (r).†

4.00 News; Enquiry Within with Neil Landor.

4.10 Bookshelf: 'The Sin Eaters' – Phil Rickman ventures into the twilight world of the horror novel (r).

4.40 Story Time: 'Let the People Sing' by J B Priestley (9): Read by Enn Reitel.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 Yes Minister, starring Paul Eddington and Nigel Hawthorne in 'The Whisky Priest'†.

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Any Answers?

7.40 The State of the Nation [new series]. This programme provides a insight into the daily life of the people of Northern Ireland. With David Dunseith, (See Choice).

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? A magazine of special interest to disabled listeners and their families.

9.30 Ian Skidmore in the BBC Sound Archives.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment on Dario Fo's play Trumpets and Raspberries at the Phoenix Theatre, London.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Some Do Not' by Ford Madox Ford (9). Read by Hugh Burden. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S. Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 9.05-10.05 For Schools: 9.05 A Service for Schools. 9.25 Secondary English (11-14). 9.50 First Steps in Drama. 10.10 Playtime. 10.25 In Your Own Time. 11.00-12.00 For Schools; 11.00 Noticeboard. 11.15 In the News. 11.30 Wavelength. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 The Music Box. 2.20 Living Language. 2.40 Newscast. 5.50-*5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30* Study on 4: Joining in (1) Groups for Everything. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Teenage Plays: 12.30 I'm Not Your Property. 12.50 Yer Bike.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Handel's Concerto a due cori No 2 in F; Mozart's Flute Quartet in C, K 285b; Zipoli's Pastorale in C; Domenico Scarlatti's Sonatas in D, K 287/288; in G (K 328); Silvestre Revueltas's Ocho por radio. †

8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd.): Germaine Tailleferre's Harp Concerto (Zabaleta, soloist); Pierre Danican Philidor's Suite No 3 in C; Prokofiev's (arranged Barshai) Visions Fugitives, Op 22 †

9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Villa-Lobos and Ginastera. Ginastera's Piano Sonata No 1 (Judd); and Villa-Lobos's String Quartet No 6, and his Five Songs (Teresa Berganza). †

10.00 Orchestral Concert: George Szell conducts Cleveland Orchestra in Beethoven's overture King Stephen; and Haydn's Symphony No 94 (Surprise). †

10.35 Wolf and Castelnuovo-Tedesco: Kenneth Bowen (tenor) and Paul Hamburger (piano). Wolf's Songs from the Italian Song Book; and Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Five Shakespeare Songs. †

11.05 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (Boettcher conducting). With Konstanty Kulka (violin). Part one. Weber's overture Der Freischutz; and Beethoven's Symphony No 2. †

11.55 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

12.15 Concert: part two. Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 1; and Strauss's Symphonic Poem Till Eulenspiegel. †1.00 News.

1.05 Lunchtime Concert: De Saram Clarinet Trio. Fauré's Cello Sonata No 2 (Rohan de Saram, cello); Florent Schmitt's Andantino in C, Op 30 No 1, for clarinet and piano; and d'Indy's Trio, Op 29. †

2.00 Opera: Le Roi d'Ys, by Lalo. In three acts. Sung in French. Andre Cluytens conducts the French National Radio Chorus and Orchestra, with Pierre Savignol as the king. Others in the cast include Rita Gorr, Janine Micheau, Henri Legay and Serge Rallier. †Act one. Interval reading at 2.45. Acts 2 and 3 at 2.50.

4.00 Piano recital: Martin Roscoe plays Schubert's Three Impromptus D 946; Bartok's Fifteen Hungarian Peasant Songs; Sonata, 1926. †4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Jeremy Siepmann's selections. †

6.30 Bandstand: Sun-Life Band play Robert Simpson's Energy; and Eric Ball's High Peak. †

7.00 English and French Songs (including settings of poems by Tennyson). Dinah Harris (soprano) and Gordon Stewart (piano). Works by Corder, Parry, Cowen, Poulenc, Honegger, Sullivan, Stanford and Auric. †

7.30 Hallé Orchestra (conducted by Yansons). With Boris Gutnikov (violin). Part one. Wagner's overture Tannhauser; Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. †

8.30 Talk: David Cregan on On Being Ludicrous.

8.35 Concert: part two. Sibelius's Symphony No 1. †

9.30 Geoffrey Collins reads My Sister and the Spider, a short story by Jelal-E-Al-E-Ahmad.

10.00 Scottish Season: Music in Our Time. Musica Nova. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (under Richard Pittman). With Douglas Boyd (oboe). Lyell Cresswell's 0!; John Casken's Masque; Elliott Carter's Ballet suite The Minotaur. †

11.20 Schubert Songs: Robert Holl (bass), Konrad Richter (piano). Die Sternnachte; Abendbilder; Die Sterne, D 684; Hymne 1: Nachthymne. †

11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave † also denotes VHF stereo.

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00am Colin Berry† including 5.02 Cricket scores. 5.30 Ray Moore† including 6.02 Cricket scores. 7.30 Terry Wogan† including 8.31 Racing, 9.02 Cricket scores. 10.00 Russell Harty† including 10.02, 11.02 *Cricket Scores.* 12.00 Steve Jones† including 12.02 Cricket scores, 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford† including 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way† 4.00 David Hamilton† including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk, 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sports Desk, 6.30 The Fosdyke Saga, 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 Wally Whyton introduces Country Concert† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The News Huddlines. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. Jodie Foster talks to Phillip Bergson. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Slide Hampton the jazz trombonist, recorded at the Pizza Express, London.

Radio 1

On medium wave † denotes also VHF stereo.

news on the half hour from 6.00am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 *Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies* including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am Into The Music with Tommy Vence.†

VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Iv'e Heard That Song Before. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 *Reflections.* 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 The Ideal Cast. 10.30 Steptoe And Son. 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 The Brotherhood Of Brass. 2.00 *Outlook.* 2.45 *Roots And Branches.* 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 The First Half Century. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Not So Much A Hobby. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Music In The Age Of Chivalry. 2.30 Submarines. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Country Music Profile. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN

† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF -90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; **LBC** 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; **BBC Radio London** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service** MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-7.20 Star Trek. 8.30-9.00 Week in Week out. 11.15-11.45 Zoo 2000: 'The Techno Zoo' (as BBC 1 8.30pm). 11.45-12.10am Men . . . and Work (as BBC 1 11.15pm). 12.10-12.15 News and weather. Scotland: 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 8.30-9.00 Battlefield Band. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. **Northern Ireland:** 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 11.44-12.05am Festival Notebook: 12.05-12.10 News and weather. **England:** 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazines.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35-2.30 Country Practice. 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Take the High Road. 7.30-8.00 All Kinds of Country. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 It's Andy Cameron. 11.05 Report. 11.35 Crann Tara. 12.05 am Late Call. 12.10 Paris By Night. 12.35 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Q.E.D. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies* 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Two-gether. 10.34 Election '84. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.25am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.32 Sporting Chance. 11.00 Sweeney. 12.00 Four Footsteps to God. Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.00 Afternoon Club. 3.27-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Sense of the Past. 12.00 Company. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Shillingbury Tales. 3.00 Bygones. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Strange But True. 12.00 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30 Police News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Highland Road. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Kojak. 11.30 Crann Tara. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30am News. Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Eco. 11.00 Protectors. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Calendar. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Streets of San Francisco. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30 am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20 pm Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 pm Levkas Man. 3.30-4.00 Hands. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Party with the Rovers. 8.00-8.30 Benson. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Falcon Crest. 11.55 News. Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Talk of the West. 11.00 Sweeney. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales this Week.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Gwrando A Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hwnt Ac Yma. 2.55 Six Centuries of Verse. 3.20 4 What It's Worth. 3.45 Numbers at Work. 4.15 Scotland's Story. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Wil Cwac Cwac. 5.05 Y Gwyllt. 5.35 Mary Tyler Moore Show. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Teulu-Ffon. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Teulu-Fron. 8.05 Coleg. 8.35 Hapnod. 9.05 West. 10.20 James Stewart Guardian Lecture. 11.05 Eric Bogosian Fun House. 11.50 Alfred Hitchcock Presents. 12.20am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 QED. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 That's My Dog. 10.34 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Rock of the '70s. 12.05am Postscript. 12.11 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 10.30 Folio. 11.00 *Ladbrooke Festival of Darts.* 11.30 Levkas Man. 12.30 am Waite Around. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20 pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.30 Levkas Man. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Sweeney. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.35am Closedown.

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Warning to world of more famines

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

The rich and the under-developed countries were both told yesterday that man-induced deterioration of the environment and present poverty levels were "inextricably entwined". The warning came from an international gathering of scientists and ecologists which ended here yesterday.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources urged governments to understand that without higher priority for conservation measures tragedies like Africa's drought and famine would grow around the world. Sustainable economic development would prove an illusion.

Dr Muhammud Kassas of Egypt, the outgoing President, said man-made deserts now totalled 9 billion hectares, compared with the world's 13 bilion hectares of productive land. Overgrazing and tree-cutting was turning 6 million hectares of land into desert each year, he added.

Dr M. S. Swaminathan, of India, the new President, declared: "The war against eco-destruction can now only be won if programmes for environmental protection are linked with food and job schemes".

After a United States and a Soviet woman scientist had joined in giving warning of the spectre of "a nuclear winter" killing most of the world's plant and animal life, the assembly urged governments to spread information on the risks to their citizens.

On the Antarctic, the assembly called on the treaty parties to designate the Antarctic environment as an area whose "unique value must be maintained for all time", with a ban on mineral activity until scientists understood the risks.

Dr Kassas said deserts did not "creep up" upon good land as previously believed. "It is we who are making the deserts if fragile lands are overgrazed or over-cultivated".

The "absolute link" between such practices and misnamed natural disasters was also emphasized by Mr Anders Wijkman, Secretary-General of the Swedish Red Cross.

Greenpeace International was admitted yesterday to membership, in spite of objections voiced earlier at its confrontational tactics

Man to blame, page 6

Satellite retrievers for whom the bell peals



Astronaut Dale Gardner flying towards the Westar satellite with a docking instrument known as a stinger.

Mr Bill Stubbs, caller at Lloyd's, rings the Lutine Bell.

By Tony Samstag

The Lutine Bell at Lloyd's was rung twice yesterday to announce an historic salvage operation in space: the retrieval of the second of two rogue satellites lost when they were launched into the wrong orbit last February.

Lloyds had put up $10.5m (£8.3m) for the salvage venture in the hope of recovering some of the $180m (£142m) paid out when the Palapa and Westar 6 communications satellites went astray.

Dr Joseph Allen, aged 47, a physicist and Navy Commander Dale Gardner, aged 36, the two astronauts involved in the spectacular recovery mission were awarded the Lloyds Silver Medal for meritorious service, established in 1893.

Its citation notes that it is to be presented to individuals who "by extraordinary exertions have contributed to the preservation of property from perils of all kinds".

The Lutine Bell was taken from the wreck of the French warship Lutine, which had been captured and recommissioned by the British, only to be lost on a sandbank off the Zuyder Zee in 1799. Salvage operations 59 years later also recovered about £50,000 in bullion and coins.

The bell, in the marble underwriters' room, normally rings twice when a ship is reported overdue and once when a ship is confirmed lost. Two rings can also mean that an overdue ship has arrived safely, however and the ringing can be extended symbolically: once for very bad news of general importance, twice for very good.

It rang once, for example, on the death of President Kennedy

Satellite salvage, page 6



Astronaut Gardner making contact with the satellite before docking in the shuttle Discovery's cargo bay.

Letter from Bilston Glen

Return to normal 2,000 feet down

Two thousand feet down on the Great Seam at Bilston Glen colliery near Edinburgh, men were busily mining coal yesterday. As a shearing machine ripped 200 tons of raw coal on to a conveyor, the colliery safety officer led me along the face and remarked drily that neither the coal, nor the full shift of minors working there, was imaginary. See for yourself, he invited, talk to the men.

We sat in a hollow of freshly won coal in a forest of hydraulic props. The working minors, scabs to their union and heros to their employers, explained why they had decided to walk through their union picket line. One man who had been clearing the wake of the shearer with an old-fashioned shovel reflected on his first day back at work since the strike began.

"It was the hardship that finally decided me. My mother is a pensioner, and she was keeping us all going. It was not right for my wife, or for my children."

Yes, he added, it had changed his views about the union.

Another man had become infuriated by the deadlock. "It has just been a shambles. They should have sorted it out. The whole thing got political, I couldn't see an end to it. I balanced it all out, and decided to come back."

Another man, who like his colleagues preferred not to be named, said the Bilston Glen men had made it absolutely clear to the union that they did not want to strike. "It was by 50 to one but we were pushed into it. There would be a lot more men here if it was not for the intimidation. They want to work but they fear to work".

Mr Vince Burzynski, a miner since he left the Army in 1947, was trying to coax the shearer further along the face. He and his companion expected there would be some bitterness when the strike was finally settled, but how could they cold shoulder one-third of the workforce?

The management said yesterday that 483 of the 1,616 men at the pit were now at work, and the figure was rising steadily. Mr Tom Gaw, colliery manager, said a second shift would begin work next Monday. We are mining coal, conveying coal, and winding coal to the surface, and this week, for the first time in eight months, we are washing coal", he said.

The plant as indeed loudly active, fed by conveyor belts of newly mined coal. Lorries driven by transport union men were passing the token picket lines and coal was leaving the colliery without reference to the strike committee.

Slowly, and with its collective fingers crossed, Bilston Glen is creaking back to normal the working winding gear an invitation to other men to return.

The surface buildings still have the air of being under seige, however. The area is ringed by thick coils of barbed wire. Every window within missile range is smashed. The outer fence is a buckled memorial to the clashes between police and pickets.

Nineteen Bilston miners have been dismissed for damaging National Coal Board property or trying physically to prevent men returning to work. It was not possible, as in the Government's last great confrontation, to count all the miners and count them all out again.

Mining engineers are still assessing the longer term viability of recovering one production face which was flooded.

Meanwhile, 11,000 tonnes of coal for customess. The working miners count the "new faces", as returning men are known, with intense interest, glumly enduring the insults slung at them from the picket lines and longing for an end to the strike.

Ronald Faux

Bishops speak for poor

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shattered the industrial relations policy of the board."

Further pit closures were to be by management fiat, not by negotiation and consultation as before. As a result, the board's "right to manage" had to be enforced by the police.

The Bishop of Durham's speech, which was very well received by the Synod, contained an extract from a social services report he had received on one not untypical family in Sunderland. He said the husband had been unemployed for 14 months after 19 years' work in the shipyards. Only one of his children could attend school at a time because they could afford only one pair of shoes.

The husband had tried to kill himself. He explained that death was better than unemployment and his widow would receive extra social security benefits, enough to buy a second pair of shoes.

The Bishop of Lincoln said that when a nation was faced with having to make painful changes it was vital that the government should build up a climate of mutual understanding.

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Labour leaders back pit ballot

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strikers was also increased by the Labour movement's united condemnation of the abuse of Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, in South Wales on Tuesday.

Mr Kinnock endorsed Mr Willis's statement of support for the miners and criticism of picketline violence. The party leader said: "He spoke for millions of trades unionists whose instinct to support the miners is as strong as their opposition to the use of violence. And that includes me."

TUC move on pit strike

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into hiding complaining of "intimidation" by strikers at his Wrexham home, a flat above the local NUM office.

Militant NUM leaders are preparing to carry on the strike into next year, despite evidence of a return to work in some coalfields. Another 956 striking pitmen returned yesterday, bringing the total so far this week to 3,896. Since November 5, the start of the latest coal board campaign to win men back to work, nearly 6,100 have crossed picket lines.

The attitude of the NUM Left, in control of the national conduct of the dispute, is unlikely to be affected by the pressure from TUC moderates to take the initiative out of their hands. Dr Kim Howells, spokesman for the South Wales miners, yesterday likened the speech by Mr Willis at Aberavon to the General Strike of 1926, which is engraved in miners' history as "the great betrayal" by the TUC.

National officials of the mineworkers' union say they have been given categorical assurances by the TUC that the general council will not intervene in negotiations towards a settlement.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen holds an Investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11; and later, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, visits the College of Arms, 3.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh chairs the Design Council Selection Committee for The Duke of Edinburgh's Designer's Prize, Design Centre, Haymarket, 11.30; and later attends a dinner in aid of World Wildlife Fund United Kingdom at Fishmongers' Hall, EC4, 7.20.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, attends the President's Concert at the Royal College of Music, Sw7, 3.

The Princess of Wales names P & O's new cruise liner Royal Princess at Southampton, 11.40.

Princess Margaret presents Long Service Badges to Queen's Nurses at Merchant Taylors' Hall, 3; and later attends a Gala dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, 10.30.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, presents the trophies and prizes to the winners of the Brighter Kensington and Chelsea Scheme, Kensington Town Hall, 8.

The Duke of Gloucester presents awards at the 1984 International Building Press Journalistic award ceremony, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George St, London, 7.

The Duke of Kent visits Twyford Plant Laboratories at Glastonbury, 11; and later visits Mitcheldean Enterprise Workshops and Rank Xerox, Gloucestershire, 2.50.

The Duchess of Kent attends a ball in aid of the Samaritans at Harrods, 7.40.

New exhibitions

Platinum and silver prints by Pradip Malde, Collins Gallery, Strathclyde University, 22 Richmond St, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4; (ends Dec 5).

21st Winter Exhibition; Colin Jellicoe Gallery, 82 Portland St, Manchester; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 1 to 5; (ends March 2).

Recent prints by Peacock Printmakers, Gallery 1, and Castlegate Developments, Gallery 2; Artspace, 21 Castle Street, Aberdeen, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, (ends Dec 5).

London exhibitions

Works by James Tissot; Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2; Tues to Sat 10 to 7, Sun 12 to 6; (ends Jan 20).

George Stubbs; Tate Gallery, Millbank; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2 to 5.50; (ends Jan 6).

Music

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Colston Hall, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by the Edinburgh Quartet; Queen's Hall Edinburgh, 7.45.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Younger Hall, St Andrews, Fife, 8.

Harp recital by Vanessa McKeand; Solihull Library Theatre, 1.

Concert by the South Yorkshire Police Male Voice Choir; Priory Place Methodist Church, Printing Office St, Doncaster, 7.30.

Concert by the London Mozart Players with John Clegg (piano) and Yoshiyuki Nakanishi (bassoon); Lancaster University, 7.30.

Talks, Lectures

A Degree in Law: New What? by Roger Taylor, Renold Building, UMIST, Manchester, 6.30.

The Song Potter: master of style and technique by Mary Tregear; Royal Scottish Museum, Chamber St, Edinburgh, 7.30.

Happiness, by Dr Desmond Morris; Great Hall, Birmingham University, 6.

The Dictator's City: Mussolini's new Rome, by Michael Greenhalgh, 4.30; Minoan Crete: Bronze Age Imperialists, by Prof Branigan, 5.30; Leicester University.

Romantic Poets in Italy, by Jonathan Wordsworth; Ulster Museum, Belfast, 7.30.

Antarctica by Alex Scott; Museum and Art Gallery, Castle Wynd, Inverness, 1.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,586

ACROSS

1 Remains of priest accepted by Roman Catholics (6).
4 Native of Saragossa, perhaps? And Paris, oddly enough (8).
10 Appease part-time soldiers getting back in position (7).
11 It sticks to the seabed for the most part – extremely velvety for a fish (7).
12 Punishment for keeping to the rules? (10).
13 Right to be situated to the north (4).
15 Drink causes surprised cry in local, perhaps (7).
17 Abundant work, you say, and fast? (7).
19 Stand round printing unit with girl and boy . . . (7).
21 . . . girl and boy building a ship (7).
23 Shelter discovered in Tenby recently (4).
24 Claiming to be professional, bowled with skill – unbelievable! (10).
27 4, perhaps, takes in a Turkish leader as legislator (7).
28 Leaves assembly of agile characters (7).
29 Careless to strike the instrument panel (8).
30 A great many – with extra for a baker (6).

DOWN

1 Disown, but help to rise in public esteem (9).
2 Assumed name, with no initial, so must be rocky type (7).
3 Instrument displacing a choir with 655 members? (10).
5 The Church's noted antithesis to mountain air? (9).
6 Where he may may end up, should he do this (4).
7 It's in a shape that tapers to a point, this plant (7).
8 The same ardent longing to be senior member (5).
9 In as good health as this too (4).
14 A friend of Mowgli holds up city, causing uproar (10).
16 Conspicuous features of the pound and foreign coins (9).
18 Possibly the present Head is causing strain (9).
20 It runs outside in the open, and has a woman around (7).
22 Adopt a couple? Give me a rise first (7).
23 Support bachelor in present state (5).
25 Many leave detachment afloat on this transporter (4).
26 Boss we may trample underfoot (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,585

WOMANISE BENUMB
AUSTRIAN SHAWLS
LEITH TROUSSEAU
HAIRSBREADTH
SAINTFRANCIS
REAPPOINT CHOSE
NEARLY COMPOUND
EVELYN ISOLATED

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New books – paperback

FICTION
A Very Private Life, by Michael Frayn (Flamingo, £2.50)
Brothers, by Bernice Rubens (Abacus, £3.95)
By Way of Sainte-Beuve, by Marcel Proust, translated by Sylvia Townsend Warner (Hogarth, £3.95)
The Puzzleheaded Girl, by Christina Stead (Virago, £3.50)
The Weather in Africa, by Martha Gellhorn (Eland, £3.95)
The Fountain, by Charles Morgan (Boydell & Brewer, £4.95)
NON-FICTION
A Shropshire Lad, by AE Housman, engraved by Agnes Miller Parker (Harrap, £2.95)
Inside the Myth, Orwell: Views From The Left, edited by Christopher Norris (Lawrence & Wishart, £4.95)
Scott of the Antarctic and Cardiff, by Anthony M. Johnson (University College Cardiff Press, £2.95)
The Smith of Smiths, by Hesketh Pearson (Hogarth, £4.95)
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Roads

The Midlands: M5: Lane closures between junction 3 (Birmingham W + Central) to 4 (Bromsgrove). A5: Delays at roundabout, junction of A426 on the Rugby to Lutterworth Rd. A11: Single lane traffic on Attleborough by-pass.

Wales and West: A30: Roadworks between Honiton and Launceston Rd at Alphington and Woodleigh junction; westbound lane closures. A470: Delays expected at Fiddlers Elbow on the Cardiff to Merthyr Rd. A361: Temporary signals W of Taunton.

The North: A1(M): Lane closures and delays between Aycliffe and Bradbury, co Durham. Tyne: The Tunnel at Tyne will be closed for major repairs on four weekends commencing 2nd Nov to 17th Dec; Fri 7 pm until Nov 7. A1: Single line traffic on southbound carriageway at Selby Fork.

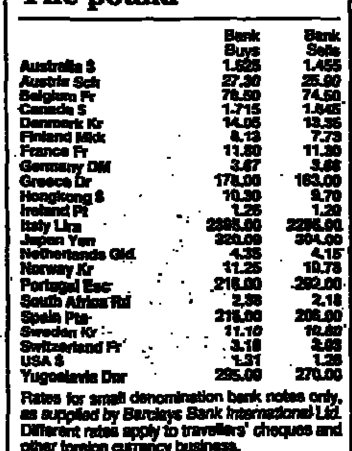
Scotland: A77: Traffic control between Maybole and Kirkoswald; and between Girvan and A714 junction.

Information supplied by the AA

Anniversaries

Births: William Pitt the Elder, 1st Earl of Chatham, London, 1708; Sir William Herschel, astronomer, Hanover, Germany, 1738; August Krogh, physiologist (Nobel prize 1920), Grenaa, Denmark, 1874; Marianne Moore, poet, St Louis, Missouri, 1887; Aneurin Bevan, Tredegar, Monmouthshire, 1897. Deaths: Johannes Kepler, astronomer, Regensburg, Germany, 1630; Christoph Gluck, Vienna 1787; George Romney, Kendal, Westmorland (Cumbria), 1802.

The pound



	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.625	1.455
Austria Sch	27.30	25.90
Belgium Fr	78.50	74.50
Canada $	1.715	1.645
Denmark Kr	14.05	13.35
Finland Mkk	8.13	7.73
France Fr	11.80	11.30
Germany DM	3.67	3.56
Greece Dr	178.00	163.00
Hongkong $	10.30	9.70
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.20
Italy Lira	2385.00	2285.00
Japan Yen	320.00	304.00
Netherlands Gld	4.35	4.15
Norway Kr	11.25	10.75
Portugal Esc	216.00	202.00
South Africa Rd	2.38	2.18
Spain Pta	216.00	206.00
Sweden Kr	11.10	10.60
Switzerland Fr	3.18	3.03
USA $	1.31	1.26
Yugoslavia Dnr	295.00	270.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 355.5.

London: The FT Index closed down 0.6 at 923.7.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill, second reading.

Lords (3): Debate on occupational health and hygiene services.

The papers

The Daily Mirror says that Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, is right to condemn picket line violence. It adds: "Violence has done more harm to the miners' cause than anything else."

The Daily Express asks why it has taken eight months for a leading trade union or Labour figure to condemn picket line violence. The paper adds: "And why was Labour leader Neil Kinnock not on the same platform, with the same message?"

The Daily Star commenting on the EEC food mountains, says: "These mountains of madness are pushing the EEC to the brink of bankruptcy, but the subsidies which created them are still being paid. That is a scandal."

The Sun, commenting on the 'derisory' paedophile sentences at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, says: "If the law is indequate to control these monsters then clearly the law must be changed."

Best wines

In a blind tasting of 52 wines of Fronsac and Canon Fronsac, two expert panels chose, as the best among younger vintages, Chateau Grand Renouil 1981 and Chateau Villars 1981; and among older vintages, Chateau Gagnard 1978 and Chateau Moulin Pey-Labrie 1967.

Source: Decanter magazine, November 1984.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

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You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

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Weather forecast

A complex area of low pressure covers the British Isles with a trough slow moving over E areas.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Anglia: Cloudy; rain, heavy in places, clearer later; wind variable light; max temp 11C (52F).

Central S, central N England, E, W Midlands: Cloudy; rain gradually clearing from SW bright or clear intervals developing; wind variable light; max temp 11C (52F).

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, S, N Wales: Dry and bright at first; showers developing, some heavy; wind W or NW light; max temp 10C (50F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Showers and bright intervals; wind SE light or moderate; max temp 10C (50F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Central Highlands, NW Scotland: Cloudy; rain, heavy at times; wind SE moderate becoming variable light; max temp 9C (48F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, rain at times; becoming drier later; wind SE moderate or fresh moderating later; max temp 9C (48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Continuing unsettled; near normal temperatures.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind moderate or fresh; occasional rain; visibility moderate; sea slight or moderate. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St Georges Channel, Irish Sea: Wind variable light; showers; visability moderate or good; sea slight.

Sun rises: 7.19 am. Sun sets: 4.11 pm.
Moon sets 1.32 pm. Moon rises: 10.04 pm.
Last quarter tomorrow.

Lighting-up time

London 4.41 pm to 6.51 am
Bristol 4.51 pm to 7.00 am
Edinburgh 4.35 pm to 7.21 am
Manchester 4.42 pm to 7.07 am
Penzance 5.08 pm to 7.07 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F
Belfast	c	6	43
Birmingham	f	10	50
Blackpool	f	10	50
Bristol	c	9	48
Cardiff	c	9	48
Edinburgh	c	9	48
Glasgow	c	10	50
Guernsey	f	9	48
Inverness	f	8	46
Jersey	c	9	48
London	f	11	52
Manchester	f	11	52
Newcastle	r	8	46
Ronaldsway	f	7	45

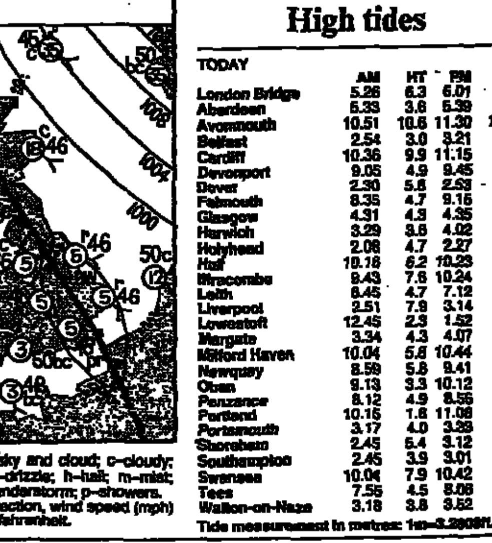
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.13in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 999.3 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Hemsby, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Carrigans, 5C (41F); Highest rainfall: West Freugh, 1.34in; highest sunshine: Torquay, 4.7hr.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperature fahrenheit.

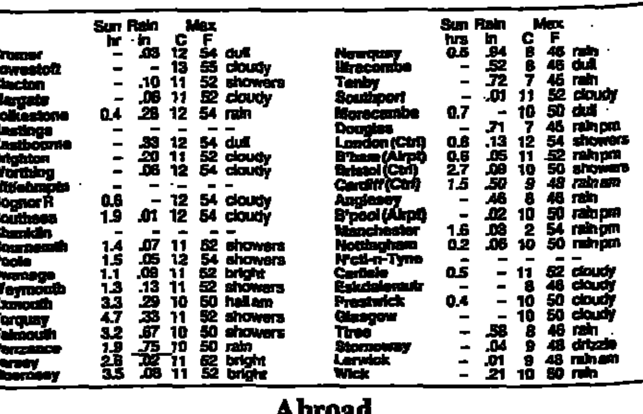
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.26	6.3	6.01	6.3
Aberdeen	5.33	3.6	5.39	3.7
Avonmouth	10.51	10.6	11.30	10.2
Belfast	2.54	3.0	3.21	3.3
Cardiff	10.36	9.9	11.15	9.5
Devonport	9.05	4.9	9.45	4.5
Dover	2.30	5.8	2.53	6.6
Falmouth	8.35	4.7	9.15	4.3
Glasgow	4.31	4.3	4.35	4.6
Harwich	3.29	3.6	4.02	3.7
Holyhead	2.08	4.7	2.27	4.8
Hull	10.18	6.2	10.23	6.0
Ilfracombe	9.43	7.6	10.24	7.2
Leith	6.45	4.7	7.12	4.6
Liverpool	2.51	7.9	3.14	8.0
Lowestoft	12.45	2.3	1.52	2.2
Margate	3.34	4.3	4.07	4.3
Milford Haven	10.04	5.6	10.44	5.4
Newquay	8.59	5.8	9.41	5.5
Oban	9.13	3.3	10.12	2.9
Penzance	8.12	4.9	8.56	4.5
Portland	10.15	1.8	11.08	1.5
Portsmouth	3.17	4.0	3.38	3.8
Shoreham	2.45	6.4	3.12	6.2
Southampton	2.45	3.9	3.01	3.9
Swansea	10.04	7.9	10.42	7.5
Tees	7.55	4.5	8.08	4.6
Walton-on-Naze	3.18	3.8	3.52	3.8

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Cromer	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lowestoft	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clacton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Margate	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Folkestone	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hastings	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastbourne	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brighton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worthing	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Littlehampton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bognor R	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southsea	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shanklin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bournemouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Poole	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swanage	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weymouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Torquay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penzance	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jersey	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Guernsey	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newquay	0.5	.94	8	46	rain
Ilfracombe	–	.52	8	46	dull
Tenby	–	.72	7	45	rain
Southport	–	.01	11	52	cloudy
Morecambe	0.7	–	10	50	dull
Douglas	–	.71	7	45	rain pm
London (Ctrl)	0.8	.13	12	54	showers
B'ham (Airpt)	0.6	.05	11	52	rain pm

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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Ajaccio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Akrotiri	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alexandria	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Algiers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Athens	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bahrain	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barbados*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barcelona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beirut*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Belgrade	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Berlin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bermuda*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Biarritz	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boulogne	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bordeaux	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budapest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Buen Aires*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cairo*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cape Tn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C'blanca	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ch'church	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available